

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Seato's Role

SEATO in its two and a half years of existence cannot claim to have accomplished much; or perhaps it might be fairer to say that there is little visible evidence of its achievements. Wide-spread complaints more than a year ago divulged that its basic weakness, according to some of its Asian members, was that it lacked an organized military defensive structure such as Nato had. At last week's meetings in Canberra, various plans were considered by military officials. But there is still no likelihood of combined standing armies and air forces being formed and spread over the map of free and committed Asia.

More recent discussions have suggested that the military threat is unnecessarily over-emphasised and that the more immediate danger comes from the threat of subversion and infiltration. More economic aid would seem desirable, though Seato planners have already agreed that the pact must not be set up as a rival to the Colombo Plan which, at any rate, embraces a far wider group of nations.

AS the treaty was designed primarily to combat communism, it is essentially an expression of distrust in China. The fact that China has taken so little offence at its formation—unlike Russia's heated and continuing opposition to Nato—suggests that either China has no plans for military conquest in the treaty area, that the treaty offers no obstacles to its ambitions, or that it is deliberately trying to starve treaty members of the criticism and opposition that would increase the demand for Seato's protective power.

It is worth noting that not only is China largely ignoring the pact, but Formosa which is outside of its authority is apparently indifferent to it. Americans in Taipei said to be "highly responsible sources," have described it as "useless." They are reported to see far more realism in Taipei's rival "Pacific Anti-Communist Alliance" but are themselves realistic enough to see that this alternative has little chance of eventuating. At present Seato comprises the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan (its three staunchest supporters), Malaya, North Borneo and Sarawak, Australia, Britain, France and America. Malaya's future with the pact is doubtful when it becomes independent later this year, though self-governing Singapore with Britain continuing to administer its external affairs, will probably remain. Since France withdrew from the Far East its direct interest in the area has been reduced.

THUS the overall picture that Seato presents today, despite the presence in Canberra of the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is that it has not lived up to the hopes of its planners and is now slowly in the process of disintegration. But any argument of this kind ignores the positive side which, as an observer recently pointed out, has proved a comfort to its three Asian members, and particularly to the most exposed of them—Thailand. In addition, he argues, Seato, with the backing of American military power and the provision of facilities for military co-operation, is certainly a deterrent against military adventures by the Communist armies of Asia. And this must include armies in North Vietnam and even North Korea. Seato, it is said, has not removed the threat of subversion and may be inadequate to deal with it; but if Seato did not exist, the military threat would be greater, and the threat of subversion no less, than before the treaty was signed.

Egyptian Intentions To Be Tested

ISRAEL PLANS SHOWDOWN

Ships To Sail Up Gulf Of Aqaba

Jerusalem, Mar. 10.

Egypt will be submitted to three tests of her intentions within the next few weeks, Israeli political circles disclosed today.

The first test will be that of freedom of entry in the Gulf of Aqaba. A certain number of merchant ships are expected shortly to arrive in the Gulf, bound for the Israeli port of Eilat. Their passage through the Straits of Tiran—blockaded by the Egyptians previously—will test the present Egyptian reaction.

The second test will come when the ship Mars, chartered by Israel, attempts to pass through the Suez Canal when it is reopened for navigation.

Finally, the Egyptian attitude in the Gaza strip will indicate whether or not the Egyptians intend to carry out their campaign of aggression as announced by Cairo radio last week.

There was sharp criticism in authoritative Israeli circles, of reports that the UN Secretary-General intended to station United Nations troops in the strategic Nizana area, the southwest frontier of the Negev, in Israeli territory.

Disappointment was also expressed at the last speech made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, favouring Israeli territorial concessions in return for a peace settlement.—France-Press.

CANAL PAYMENTS

Washington, Mar. 10.

A State Department official said today that the United States was not particularly disturbed by Cairo reports that Egypt has rejected Western proposals a settlement of the Suez Canal tolls problem.

"We are not getting over excited about the Cairo reports," he said. Egypt has yet to reply formally to the proposals, submitted through the United Nations, and officials here were still hopeful today that a compromise would be reached with Egypt.

One authoritative source said that such a compromise should satisfy Egypt's national feelings while maintaining the 50-50 principle under which half the tolls would be paid to a non-Egyptian account.

The interim plan put forward by Britain, France, Norway and the United States last month is for canal dues to be paid to the World Bank, which would pass half of the

tolls to Egypt and hold the remainder pending a final settlement with Egypt on canal management). Reports circulating at the United Nations in New York suggested that Egypt was prepared to accept the principle of division of tolls between Egypt and some international account.

But there was one important condition: that the Egyptian canal authority should collect all the tolls in the first instance.

An informed source said Egypt regarded this as a matter of national sovereignty. Although Egypt would in fact give up half the money to an outside account, it meant relying on Egypt's word. The source said that there would be little enthusiasm for a solution of this nature.

An official here in close touch with Middle East developments told Reuters it was his impression that the key problem was not the division of the tolls but whether Egypt or some outside party should collect the tolls.—Reuters.

Gaza Strip Warning

The Israeli foreign ministry warned tonight that the situation on the borders of the Gaza strip would again be "explosive" as a result of resumed fedayeen (Arab commando) activities in Israel.

A foreign ministry spokesman said that this afternoon's reported mining incidents near Nitzahak was a "warning and forwarding of what is likely to happen if the UNEF will not take stringent measures to prevent the renewal of acts of violence perpetrated from the Gaza strip."

Two Israelis were wounded, one of them seriously, in the incident this afternoon when their vehicle struck a mine at Nitzahak facing the southern sector of the Gaza strip, now under UNEF control.

According to army sources, the mine had been freshly planted since the same vehicle passed over the same earthen track only three hours earlier. They also said a band of Arabs had been observed fleeing from the scene.

The foreign ministry spokesman said: "Unless the UNEF can effectively perform its task of preventing fedayeen raids across the demarcation line the situation there will inevitably become explosive."—Reuters.

Briton Missing From Abandoned Yacht

Nassau, Mar. 10.

An intense air-sea search was launched today for English author and yachting expert, Harry Etheridge after his abandoned 46-foot ketch was found driven on the rocks north of here.

Etheridge's yacht Grabe was spotted shortly before noon today near Highbourne Bay by Captain Greg Nicolson of the charter sailing yacht Gulliver.

Nicolson said the vessel was empty with its anchor still aboard. He said this indicated Etheridge had probably either abandoned it or fallen overboard. Searchers found no sign of Etheridge on any of the small islands nearby.

The 50-year-old Etheridge considered an expert sailor, left Nassau alone several days ago for Georgetown, Guyana, where (Contd. on back page, Col. 6)



GIVING UP PRACTICE

London, Mar. 10.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Britain's most brilliant and highest paid lawyer, is giving up his practice for health and personal reasons.

Sir Hartley, who is also a Labour Member of Parliament, in a message to his St Helen's constituents today said:

"Maintenance of health and personal considerations have forced me reluctantly to the conclusion that I could not continue the strain of practice at the bar and at the same time have any chance of pursuing my other interests in public life and elsewhere."

Shawcross is 54 and has been a practising lawyer for 32 years. His estimated law earnings are placed in the region of £30,000-£40,000 a year.—United Press.

Plane Guided In By Car Lights

Las Vegas, Mar. 10.

A twin-engine plane with one of its engines dead and 39 people aboard landed safely before dawn here today by light of a pair of motor car headlights.

The pilot of the plane, a C-40 charter flight from Burbank, California, made an emergency call to the rarely-used airport here, which does not have lights for night landings. The airport dispatcher, who took the call, then drove his car to the end of the runway.—Reuters.

NET CLOSING ON GRIVAS

Nicosia, Mar. 10.

British security forces today distributed leaflets throughout Cyprus declaring that "the net is closing" around Colonel George Grivas, leader of the EOKA underground terrorist organisation seeking union of Cyprus with Greece.

The leaflets said EOKA's days were numbered and its end, merely a matter of time. Referring to the threat in an EOKA leaflet that the organisation would rather destroy Cyprus than give in, they commented: "This is Grivas' dream, now that the net is closing around him."—China Mail Special.

Child Drinks Half Bottle Of Whisky

London, Mar. 11.

A seven-year-old boy, Alan Dixon, was recovering in hospital here early today after drinking half a bottle of whisky at his home.

Doctors fought for his life when he was rushed to hospital unconscious. He took the bottle from the top of a cupboard and drained it after two others, aged eight and four, had both tasted a sip.—China Mail Special.

FOOD POISONS REFUGEES

Beirut, Mar. 10.

Some 400 Arab refugees from Palestine in the Tyre camps, 50 miles south of Beirut, fell ill today after eating food rations from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Near East.

Ten of the refugees were reported to be in a serious condition.—France-Press.

Kadar Has To Beware The Ides Of March

Budapest, Mar. 10.

Hungarians are bracing themselves for the Ides of March next Friday—the anniversary of the outbreak of Hungary's 1848 revolt against the Austrian Hapsburg monarchy—in a mood of tense uneasiness.

There have been reports of demonstrations planned for then, against the regime of Prime Minister Janos Kadar.

Chain letters and leaflets put out secretly by "underground groups" have called for people to demonstrate by thronging the streets all day, or to desert them for an hour in a gesture of silent protest.

There has also been talk of a new uprising like that of last autumn and daily reports of police and militiamen uncovering weapon caches and counter-revolutionary plots to launch armed attacks.

But Western observers say the signs appear to be that more responsible underground leaders are anxious to avoid renewed fighting and favour the "silent demonstration" tactics.

Government reaction to threats of trouble have been a mounting wave of house searches and arrests, particularly among students, increased police patrolling and calls for "vigilance" and "resolute retaliatory measures" to "annihilate completely" the forces of counter-revolution.

Holiday Revoked

The Government also revoked a decision to make March 15 a free day for office workers and now it will be a normal working day for all except school children.

Economic, political and military topics will be discussed at this meeting which will be arranged for the second half of this month, a Hungarian Foreign Office official told Western reporters.

If Premier Kadar's government survives March 15 without serious embarrassment through disturbances it should help him to convince the Russians he has the situation under control and may enhance his prospects of Soviet approval for concessions that would make him more popular at home, observers said.

But if serious trouble flared up his prestige would slump lower in Russian eyes and there would be little likelihood of an easing of Soviet control of Hungarian affairs, these observers said.

They added that they expected that Soviet-Hungarian talks would probably yield an agreement on long term Soviet economic aid and a formula for retaining Soviet troops in Hungary.

On His Own

The Russians are believed to be anxious to avoid any further armed intervention in Hungary and to have instructed Kadar that he must squash any further trouble with his own forces, according to usually well-informed sources.

Soviet troops, although reported to be still stationed in sixteenth in and around Budapest, continue to remain in the background. The only Soviet combat vehicles to be seen in the city are two armoured troop carriers near the Soviet Embassy.

The complete withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary was one of the prime demands of insurgents in last year's rising. But even in March 15, passed without serious incidents, observers said they thought it improbable that there would be any immediate major reduction in Soviet forces here.

They are expected to stand by in force at least until after two more possible trouble dates in the Communist calendar. These are April 4, anniversary of the Red army's liberation of Hungary from German troops; in the second world war and May 1, international workers' holiday, marked by parades and demonstrations.—China Mail Special.

Ban Strip Tease Petition

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 10.

The Federation of Chinese Guilds and Associations today petitioned the Selangor state government to ban strip tease shows.

The Federation said strip tease shows were to be found in "every nook and cranny" of the country.

It said "if these shows are allowed to continue we venture to predict an increase in sex crimes."

"We strongly feel that these shows are not only injurious to public morality but will cause irreparable harm to the youth of an independent Malaya."—Reuters.

CS BORROWS CHEQUERS

London, Mar. 10.

The Singapore constitutional convention today lunched with the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, at Chequers, the country home of the Prime Minister.

Mr Lennox-Boyd had borrowed Chequers for the weekend, while the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, was having talks with French leaders in Paris. It was the first time a Colonial Secretary had borrowed the Buckinghamshire residence.

It was understood that the lunch was arranged as a last-minute social engagement to allow Mr Lennox-Boyd to renew his acquaintanceship with those delegation members who attended the abortive talks last year and to meet Mr Chew Sweek-kee, the Singapore Education Minister who is a new delegate.—Reuters.

Hungarians Raid Consulate

Istanbul, Mar. 11.

A group of Hungarian refugees raided the Russian Consulate-General here last night and tried to dismantle the hammer and sickle flag at the iron gate. Police detained four of the refugees.—Reuters.

Conductor Stricken

New York, Mar. 10.

Bruno Walter, Metropolitan Opera conductor, suffered a heart attack yesterday. It was announced today at the hospital where he was taken for treatment. The conductor is 80 years old.—France-Press.

HITCHCOCK ILL

Hollywood, Mar. 10.

The British motion picture director, Alfred Hitchcock, 56, was reported in fair condition today at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

He was admitted to the hospital yesterday, but hospital officials did not disclose the nature of his ailment.—United Press.

SYRIA MAY YET ACCEPT EISENHOWER DOCTRINE

Damascus, Mar. 10.

Mr Sabri el Assali, Syrian Prime Minister, said today that his government would give full consideration to President Eisenhower's arms and aid programme to combat Communism in the Middle East.

Observers here said that the Prime Minister's statement indicated that Syria would hold talks with Mr James Richardson, President Eisenhower's special representative, who begins a tour of Middle East countries on Tuesday.

A mission led by Mr Richards will report on effective ways of putting President Eisenhower's plan into operation.

Mr Assali said Arab governments are determined to reject any doctrine inconsistent with Arab aspirations which do not recognise Arab sovereignty and rights.—Reuters.

US REDS CHOOSE OWN ROAD TO SOCIALISM

New York, Mar. 10.

The American Communist Party made public tonight a new constitution in which provision was made for the expulsion of any member who engaged in spying, or who advocated force by violence or terrorism.

The constitution, adopted at the party convention here last month, also provided for the expulsion of strike-breakers, provocateurs, informers or any members who "commit or act to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any institution of American democracy through which the majority of the American people can maintain their rights to determine their destinies."

"The Communist Party holds that there are various roads to socialism and that the working people of the nation will find their own road to socialism."

"We advocate a peaceful, democratic road to socialism through the political and economic struggle of the American people within the developing constitutional process."

The preamble defined the Party as "an American working class organisation which bases itself upon the principles of scientific socialism."—Reuters.

Coalminers Threaten Paralysing Strike

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nobusuke Kishi, called his Cabinet together here tonight for an eleventh-hour meeting with trade union leaders and management in an effort to prevent a widespread strike scheduled for tomorrow.

During today's trade union leaders, workers, government and management representatives hurried from meeting to meeting with proposals and counter-proposals designed to prevent tomorrow's multi-union supported 72-hour general coal mine strike.

be reasonable, the source said.—Reuters.

"Rice Bowl" Project

Singapore, Mar. 11.

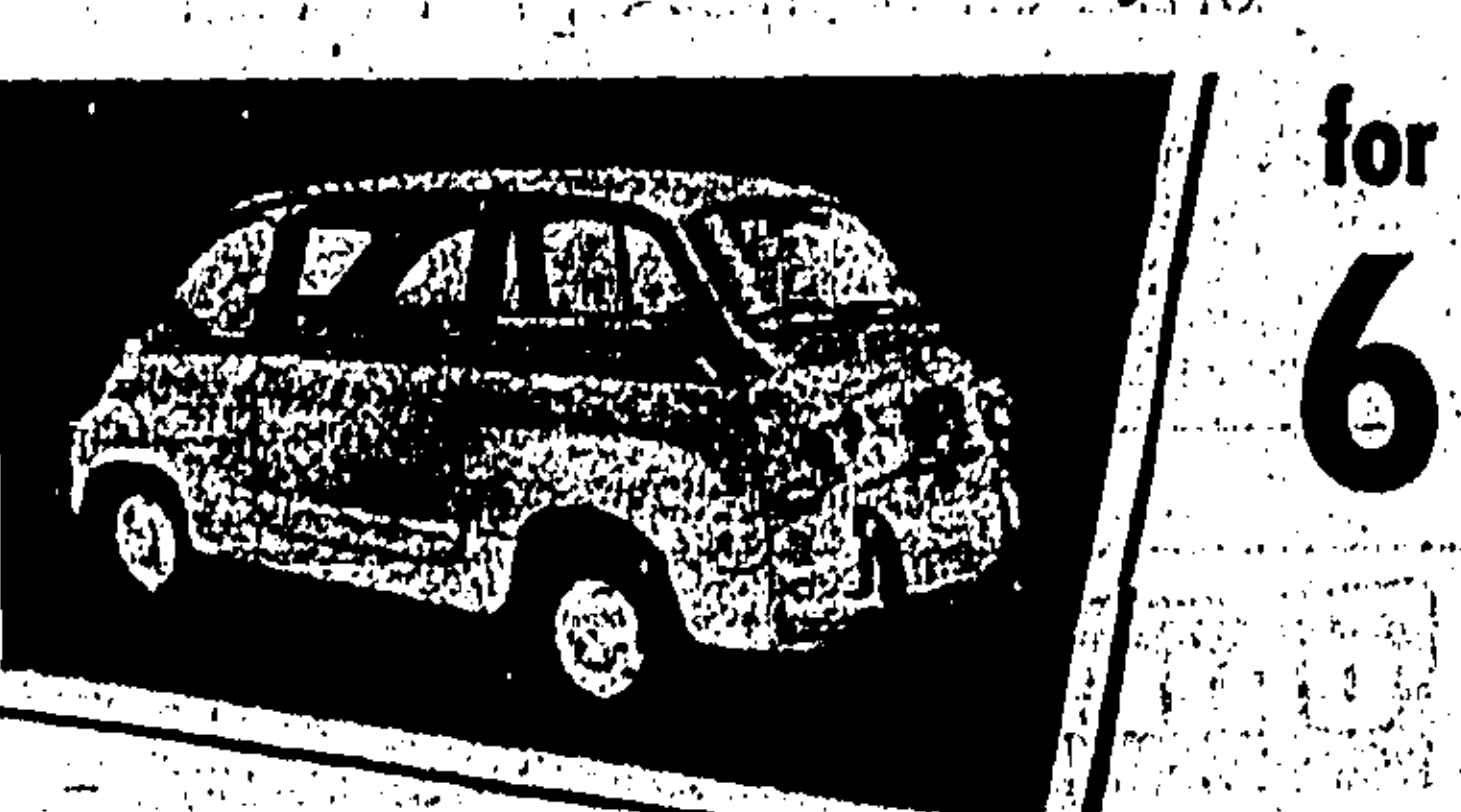
A 50,000-acre "rice bowl" in Selangor will become a new irrigation scheme is completed, the Straits Times said today.

The newspaper said the irrigation scheme would harness two rivers to a 16-mile canal leading to an area of 15,000 acres of paddy land.

This area at present depended mostly on its drainage system for water.

The government's last week approved the first instalment of \$3150,000 for the project, which the newspaper said was estimated to cost a total of \$81,700,000.—Reuters.

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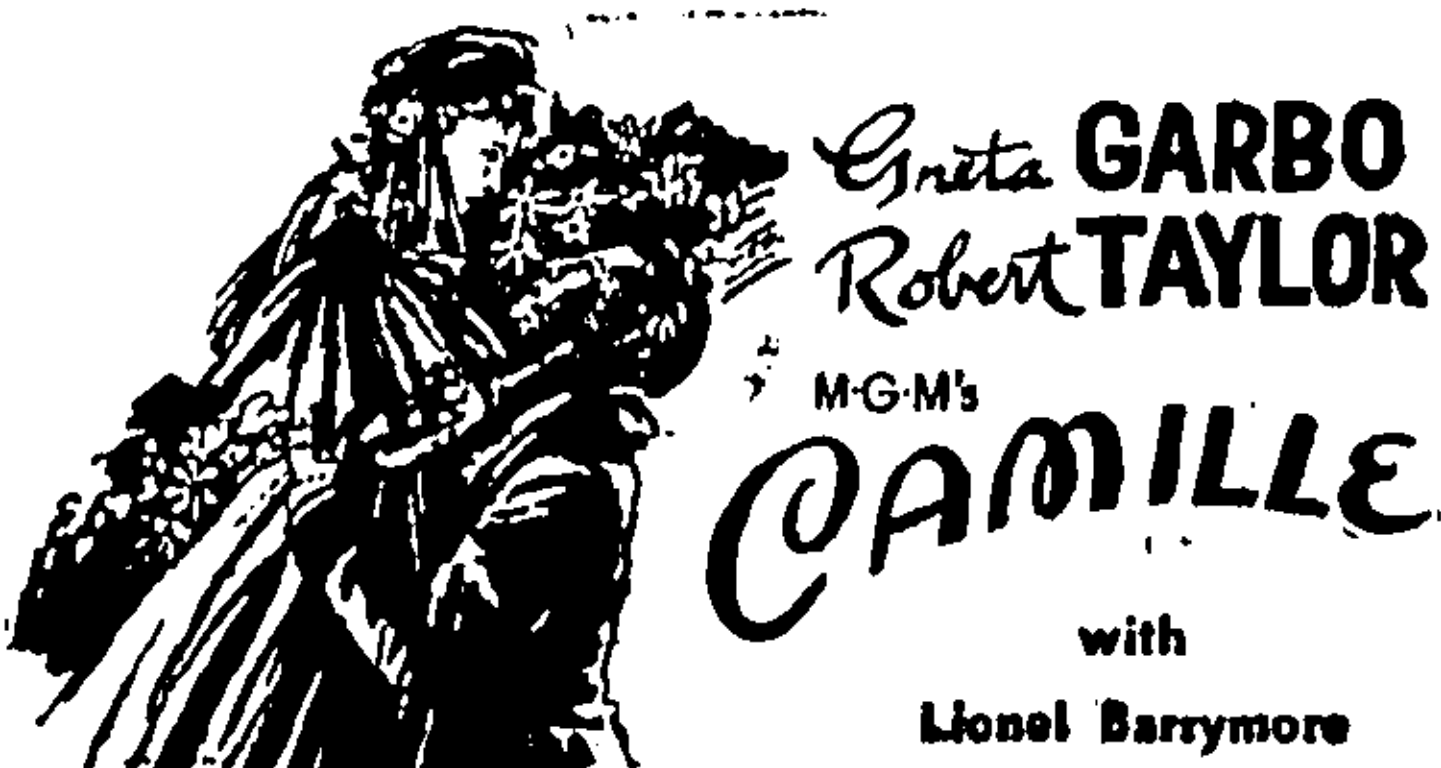
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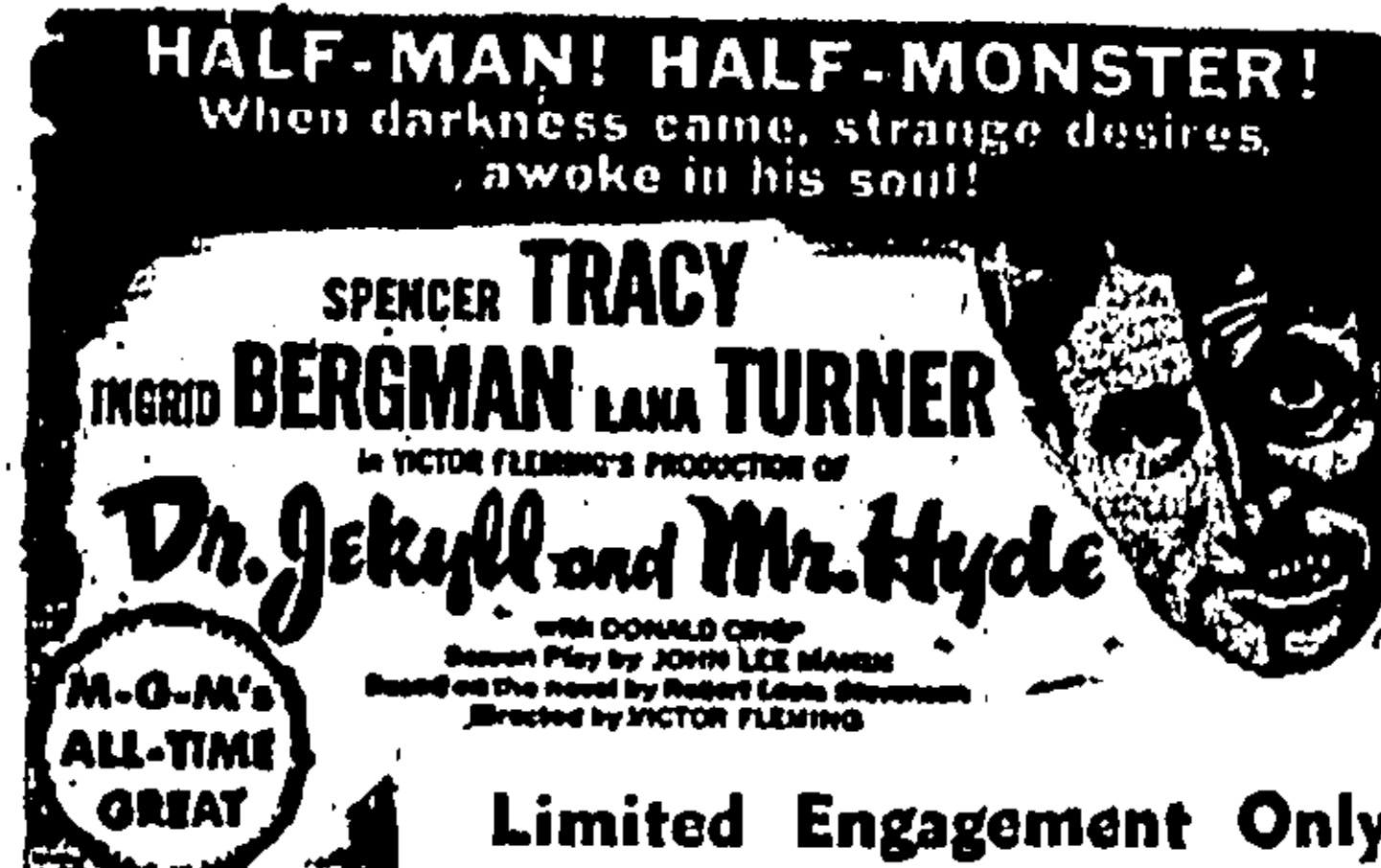
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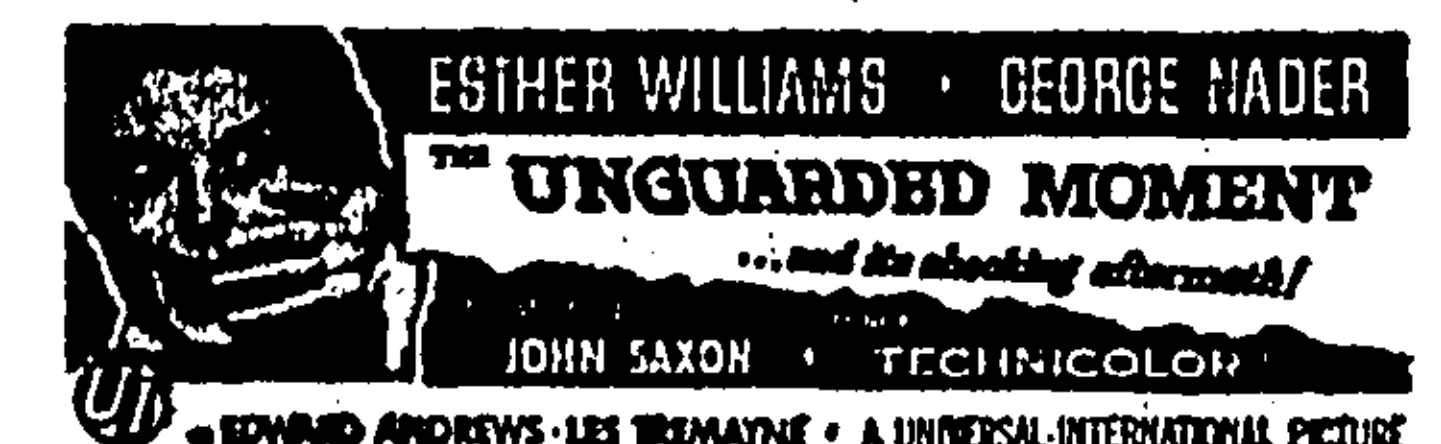
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& 9.30 P.M.**ANGLO-CEYLONESE DEFENCE****Premier Favours****Retention
Of Agreement**

Colombo, Mar. 10.

Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike favours retention of the Anglo-Ceylonese defence agreement after Britain transfers control of military bases in the island to the Ceylonese Government.

Informed sources said a British team expected to come to Ceylon later this month to discuss details of the bases handover will be told that Ceylonese Government has no objection to continuance of the defence agreement.

The bases in question are the naval base at Trincomalee and the air base at Katunayake.

Under the defence agreement Britain and Ceylon pledged to give each other military assistance when events necessitated such aid. Ceylon also promised to allow British use of military facilities in this island nation.

No Infringement

Official sources pointed out that retention of the agreement will not in any way infringe Ceylon's full sovereignty over the bases.

They said Ceylon will not necessarily be obliged to permit Britain continued use of military facilities in Ceylon if the agreement were retained. They said the question will only arise if Ceylon invoked provisions in the agreement and asked British assistance in defending this country against external aggression.

The Anglo-Ceylonese defence agreement came into force when Ceylon was granted dominion status in 1948. At the time it was signed there was an understanding between the two countries that details of how it would be implemented should be worked out at a later date.

**MALIK TO
EXPLAIN
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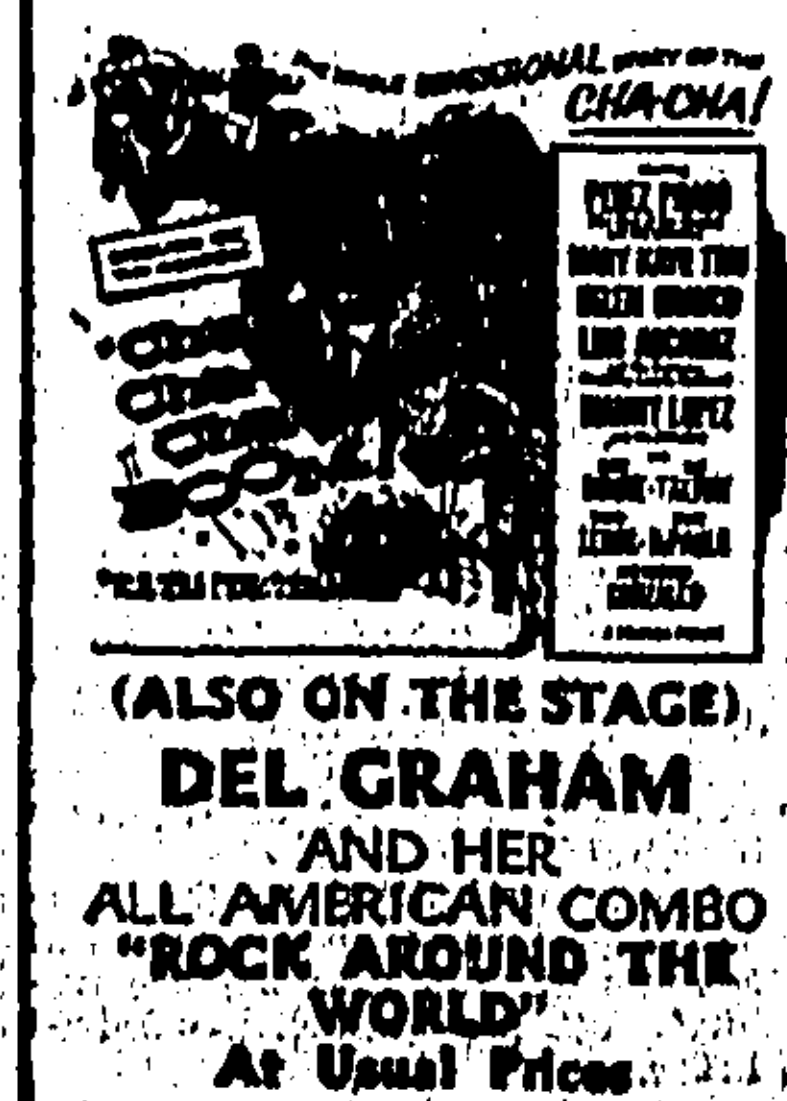
Beirut, Mar. 10.

Lebanese Foreign Minister, Charles Malik, will report tomorrow to the Lebanese Cabinet on his recent talks with American leaders concerning Lebanon's acceptance in principle of the Eisenhower doctrine for the Middle East, it was learned today.

Malik will also make a report on his talks in the United States with King Saud of Saudi Arabia on various problems of common interest, especially in relation to the Eisenhower doctrine.

The Minister will testify on Tuesday or Wednesday before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lebanese Parliament. Malik's report was expected to aid Lebanese leaders in negotiating with President Eisenhower's special envoy, Mr. James Richards, who is scheduled to arrive in Beirut on March 14.

It will also help to prepare for the proposed visit to Saudi Arabia of Lebanese President, Camille Chamoun, which has not yet been definitely fixed.

EMPIRETO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.**Churches Plan
Arab
Broadcast**

New York, Mar. 10.

The National Council of Churches announced today plans to build a 100,000-watt radio transmitter in the Middle East to beam programmes to the Arabic-speaking world.

The station will be operated in co-operation with the Near East Christian Council in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. W. Burton Martin, executive head of the Council's division of foreign missions broadcasting unit, said the transmitter will give Protestant Churches "a really adequate Christian voice in the Near East and the Moslem world for the first time."

The station will be operated on an eight-hour, seven-day week schedule, he said.

PROGRAMMES

The programmes are to include music, drama, light entertainment, bible study and devotions, as well as special features for industrial workers, farmers and home makers.

Dr. Martin was confident that the programme would find a wide audience in the Moslem world. He said licences for 405,000 radio sets were issued last year in Egypt.

The audience is also promising in Iran, where 17,000 radio licences have been issued, he said.

The exact location of the transmitter has not been worked out. Plans to start the station are under way, however. About 25 per cent of the staff will be American.

**FRUSTRATED
ATHLETE****Czechs Fail To
Approve
Marriage**

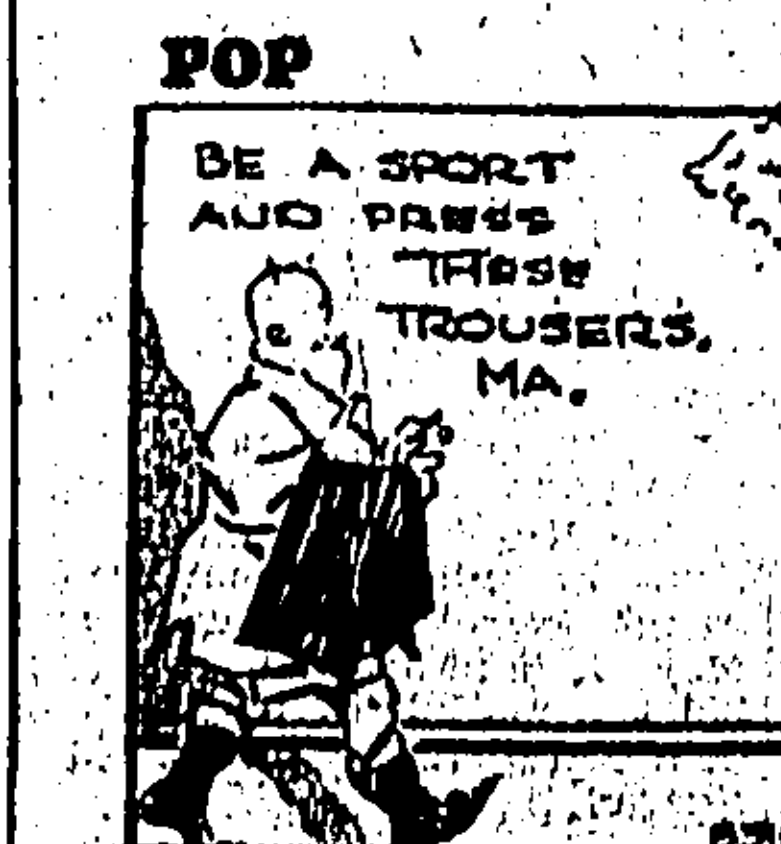
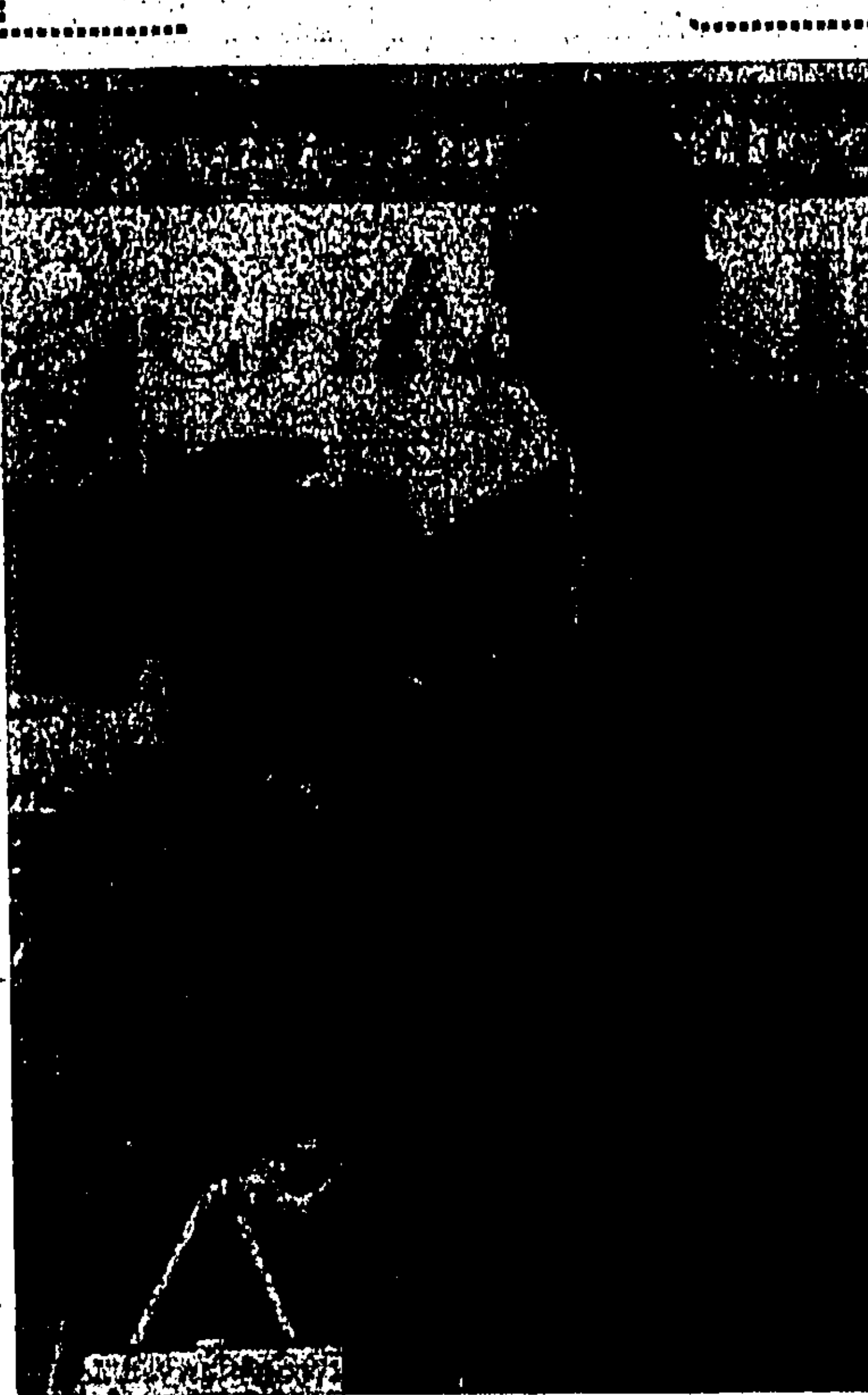
Prague, Mar. 10.

Harold Connolly, US Olympic hammer throwing champion, said here today he was planning a "wear 'em down" campaign against the Czechoslovak authorities in his efforts to marry Olga Fikotova, the Czech woman athlete.

"I am going to give the Czechs a little time to think things over. I am told they need time for these things. Then I shall apply for another Czech visa to go and see Olga and marry her, I hope. "If I don't succeed the first time, I shall go on doing it and wear 'em down," he said in a telephone interview.

Connolly met Fikotova at the Olympics last year in Melbourne, where she won a gold medal for discus throwing.

While in Prague last week on a goodwill demonstration tour, Connolly applied to the Czech authorities for the permission they must give before a Czech woman may marry a foreigner. He left Prague yesterday with no decision from the Czechs on his application.

**Hussein 'Romance' Girl Wed**

It was revealed last week that London night club dancer Helena Morris—who a year ago claimed that King Hussein of Jordan was in love with her—has been married for the past three weeks to singer Frank Bialie, with whom she is pictured here. At the time of the royal romance story the Jordan Ambassador to London called a press conference denying the romance, saying Helena was a "pawn in a political game." — Express Photo.

**Bermuda Meeting
BAGDAD PACT
ON AGENDA**

Washington, Mar. 10.

The Bagdad Pact is expected to be one of the topics discussed by British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Eisenhower in their Bermuda meeting on March 21-24, according to informed sources here.

These sources even forecast that the final communiqué issued by the Anglo-American leaders is likely to mention the Bagdad Pact countries. They expect that such mention will be from the viewpoint that it is in the free world interest that the Pact nations should continue to revive military and economic aid to render their economies stable and to make them better able to resist aggression.

No mention is likely, however, of the United States joining the Pact because the US still wishes to avoid doing that, despite its favourable leaning toward the Pact. To join probably would cause strained relations with Saudi Arabia, authorities explain.

Touring Envoy

In connection with general US support for the Pact countries, however, it is noted that James P. Richards, special Ambassador for the Eisenhower doctrine, will visit some of the Pact countries on his 18-nation tour starting Tuesday.

The British Foreign Office is reported to be pleased that Richards will go during the first part of his journey to some Bagdad Pact countries to explain the Eisenhower doctrine and American economic aid to the Middle East.

Richards is scheduled to visit Lebanon first. From there he is expected to go to Libya, Turkey, Iran and Iraq. It is also possible he may visit Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He will then visit Jordan, Ethiopia and the Sudan. Later he probably will visit Tunisia and Morocco in view of

the fact these two countries also will receive economic aid. The sequence of visits to other nations has yet to be disclosed. The source said Richards will demonstrate that the United States attaches high importance to their stabilizing effect on the Middle East area.

**Segregation
In Church
Protest**

Capetown, Mar. 10.

Leaders of the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in South Africa today joined in the protest against the proposed law to enforce racial segregation in South African churches.

The church leaders said they would be unable to obey the racial restraints on worship embodied in the "native laws amendment bill," which will be debated this week by Parliament.

Liberal Party leader, famed author, Alan Paton, said that members of his party would be forced by their consciences to disobey the racial bars on gatherings in the proposed legislation.

There were some indications that the Government might be moved by the protests to modify the bill before it goes before Parliament.

**Emergency Force
Not An Occupier**

Cairo, Mar. 10.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Under-Secretary without portfolio, and a member of the UN Emergency Force Special Committee told reporters here tonight that "UNEF" has never regarded itself as an occupier or ruler.

Dr. Bunche said his visit to Egypt was "non-political." "I have come to discuss a series of internal UNEF problems with General Burris, UNEF commander and other UNEF officials," he said.

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**Khrushchev
Attends
Conference**

Paris, Mar. 10.

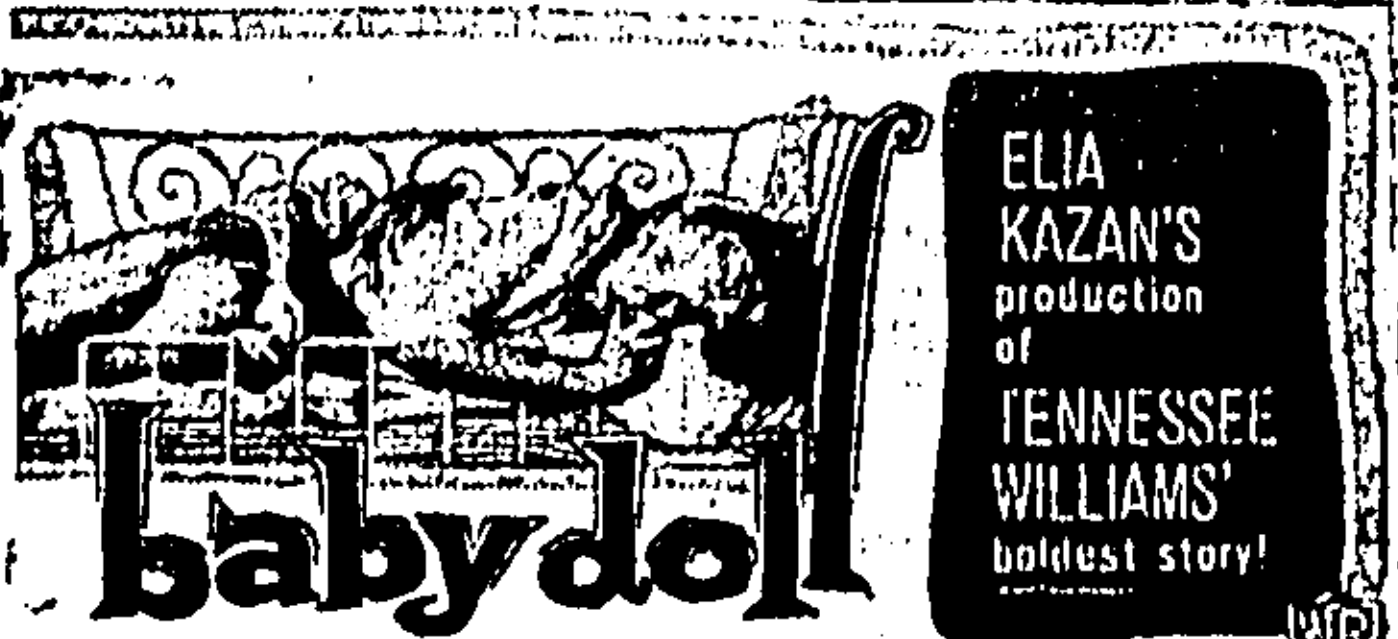
Moscow radio reported that Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and Nikolas Belav, Secretary of the Party's Central Committee, today took part in an agricultural conference at Rostov, on the Don River.

The conference was devoted to increasing the production of cereals and forage crops, the radio said.

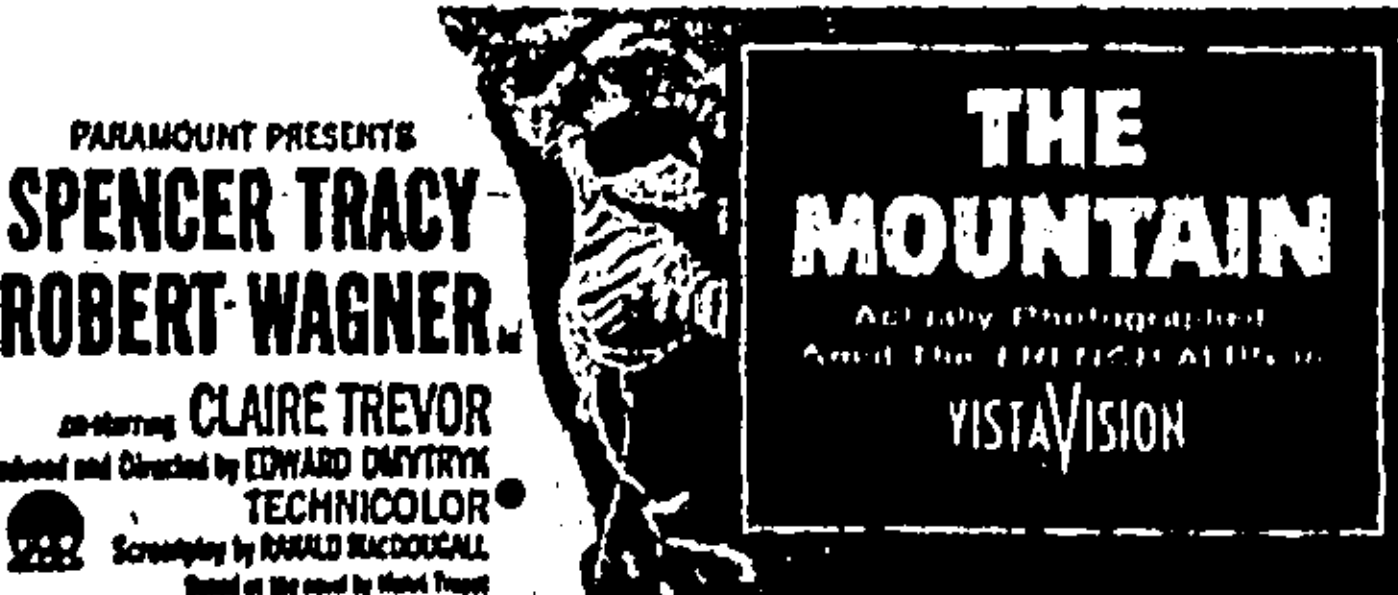
Two days ago, Khrushchev, who is on an "agricultural tour" of the Soviet Union, took part in a similar conference at Krasnodar, in the Kuban area.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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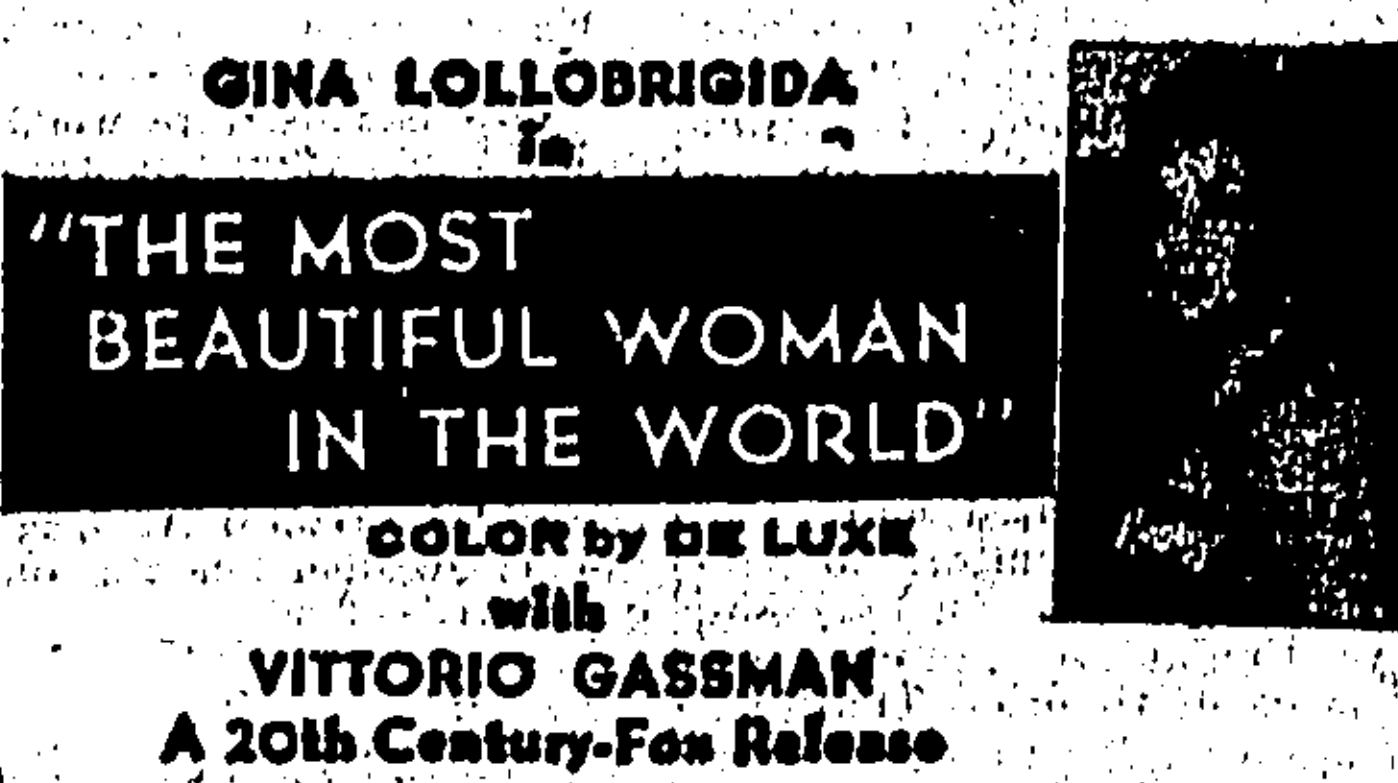
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Dulles Accuses Russians Of Aggravation

TERRORISTS SURRENDER IN CYPRUS ROUNDUP

Soekarno Losing Control

By JACK RUSSELL

Djakarta, Mar. 10. The Central Government of President Soekarno, torn by dissension over his "guided democracy" programme, today faced the prospect of losing control over all major islands of Indonesia to rebellious army officers, with the exception of the "home" island of Java.

Military-led revolutionary councils already renounced the Central Government's authority in most of Sumatra and Eastern Indonesia. Press reports said army officers at a veterans' reunion in Baroe may take similar action.

Java, Sumatra, Borneo and Celebes are the biggest islands in the 3,000-mile chain which makes up the Republic of Indonesia.

LATEST DEFECTION

The latest defection came in Southern Sumatra, the oil, tin and rubber-rich island west of Java. Lieut-Col Barlian, commander of the Second Territorial District, announced he had taken over control because "critical" political disputes "might endanger law and order."

The Barlian-led rebellion followed by only eight days a revolt in Celebes and Eastern Indonesia, headed by Lieut-Col Vento Sumual, commander of the 7th Military District.

The revolutionary "Buffalo Council", which staged the first of the bloodless coups three months ago, controls Central Sumatra. While the President Soekarno is still held by government forces, reports reaching here said the Government grip on those provinces is far from strong.

Like the revolutionary leaders in Central Sumatra and Eastern Indonesia, Barlian said the revolt was launched because of the failure of the Central Government to speed provincial development. His statement, broadcast by Radio Palembang, also voiced criticism of Soekarno's plan to take Communists into the Government.

Minister Elected

Madras, Mar. 10. Indian Finance Minister, T. T. Krishnamachari, was today re-elected to Parliament by a majority of over 10,000 votes. He will represent the South Madras constituency.—France-Press.

Kotelawala Criticises Government Inactivity

Colombo, Mar. 10. Sir John Kotelawala's United National Party, heavily defeated by a left-wing movement in elections last year, adopted "democratic socialism" as the party's theme at an annual conference which ended here today.

The party was defeated last April by the People's United Front led by Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, the present Prime Minister.

The conference also passed a resolution on the problem of the citizenship of workers of Indian origin in Ceylon. The resolution said: "This session views with concern the function of the present Government in regard to the public. He said the water level seemed to drop about three feet, then rose again in about three minutes in a tidal surge.—United Press.

Senator Condemns Ban On Journalists Going To China

Washington, Mar. 10. Senator A. S. Mike Monroney (Democrat) said today that the State Department's ban on travel by newsmen to China had "the effect of censorship."

Senator Monroney, a former newspaperman, said "what goes on in Red China should not be a 'blackout' to the reading American public. He said newsmen should be permitted to obtain the facts about China "unbiased and uninhibited."

He added, on a television programme, that the ban forced the American public to rely on Communist propaganda broadcasts and the reports of foreign newsmen for its information about the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Monroney said that Congressmen also were forced to rely upon "rumour-type information" because of the ban.

"We're the losers—not Red China," he said.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said last week that the Department was trying to find a way to let American newsmen enter Red China without engaging in cultural exchanges with the country.

Senator Monroney said anything that prevented newsmen from obtaining first-hand information for their news dispatches "has the effect of censorship."—United Press.

FRANCE TO DEVELOP A-BOMBS

Brussels, Mar. 10. France is expected to develop "one or two atom bombs by 1960-61," Senator Fernand Dehoussé, President of the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly said in a report to the Belgian Senate published today.

He said that Germany, whose security "could profit from the existence of French atom bombs," accepted the French thesis "because it feared a certain American isolationism and the retreat of British troops from Germany."

(French Defence Ministry officials said last month that, under a programme worked out by the Ministry and awaiting government approval, France could have her first atom bomb ready by the end of next year.

(But a few days later M. Jean Dehousse, Director of France's centre of nuclear studies, said in San Francisco that France would be capable of producing atom bombs in three or four years. She would have the materials then, and the Government would decide then whether to make atom bombs.)

M. Dehoussé said in his report that the six "Euratom" countries had drawn up a five-year programme for joint nuclear research, to be financed by a \$215 million fund, which would give a new impulse to nuclear research.

France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg are the six countries planning a common free common market and atomic energy pool (Euratom).—China Mail Special.

Jap Ship Rescued From Ice

Capetown, Mar. 10. The Japanese Antarctic ship Soya arrived today in Capetown after being freed from Antarctic ice 10 days ago by the Soviet ice-breaker, Ob.

All of the Soya's crew were in good condition after the grueling experience in the ice-packs. The ship was trapped after successfully landing a party of 11 Japanese scientists in Prince Harold Land in the Antarctic for the International geophysical year.

The Soya sails for Singapore at the end of the week, her way back to Japan.—France-Press.

Threadless Sewing Machine

Frankfurt, Mar. 10. A revolutionary Japanese threadless sewing machine was the centre of attraction at the Frankfurt spring fair, which was opened by the West German Minister of Economy, Ludwig Erhard, today.

Japan, exhibiting for the first time, is one of 32 foreign countries who have 1,240 stands at the fair.

The sewing machine marvel exhibited by Japan is strictly speaking an electric machine for soldering cloth with a synthetic product. The joints in the cloth are invisible strong and just as flexible as the cloth itself.—France-Press.

Anglo-Jordanian Agreement

Amman, Mar. 10. British and Jordanian delegations met here today and agreed on the text of notes and letters to be exchanged between the two countries on the termination of the Anglo-Jordanian treaty and liquidation of British military bases.

A government spokesman said this afternoon the notes and letters would be issued this week after the talks between the two delegations.

A British Embassy spokesman said evacuation of British troops from their main base north of the port of Aqaba was being carried out speedily and was now in its final stages.—Reuters.

Zurich, Mar. 10. Princess Fathma, sister of the Shah of Iran, today gave birth to a boy at a Zurich clinic.—France-Press.

STIRRING UP TROUBLE IN MIDDLE EAST

Canberra, Mar. 11.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, today accused the Soviet Union of seeking to set the Middle East countries against each other by "vicious propaganda and large-scale arms shipments."

Mr Dulles, who was speaking in the opening plenary session of the SEATO Council here, said the Soviet rulers had persistently sought to foment trouble in the Middle East.

"Whenever it seemed that difficulties in the area might be peacefully composed, the Soviets have intervened and by vicious propaganda and large-scale arms shipments have sought to set the peoples of the area against each other," he said.

"All of this is in clear defiance of their (United Nations) Charter obligations to seek a settlement of international disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law.

"A year ago at Karachi (the last SEATO Council meeting) I stated that the success of our trade, aid and cultural exchange programmes was producing imitators. These imitators, I said, would use such programmes for completely different purposes.

"Our purpose is to build up free nations. Their purpose would be to destroy freedom and independence.

"I also predicted that free Asian leaders who had shown great political skill in winning independence for their countries would readily distinguish between liberty and tyranny."

Mr Dulles said, "I do not think any of the free Asian leaders have been deceived." But he said, some might not yet be fully aware of the danger from numerous underground forces which Communist conspirators traditionally used.

"However, in various free Asian countries there is already evidence of official action to counter Communist penetration of schools, trade unions and minority groups.

"These are encouraging beginnings in meeting a large scale and growing threat."

Mr Dulles said the Communist Chinese had given open support

to Soviet "colonialism and imperialism and to Soviet defiance of the United Nations" and this had "ominous implications for all free Asian nations."

Ample Warning

"These actions give us ample warning of the true nature of the Chinese Communist regime," he said.

Mr Dulles said in the three years since the SEATO treaty was signed the Organisation had proved a strong bulwark.

It has contributed greatly to the relative peace and security which all member nations now enjoy."

He said no notable example of the increased stability in the treaty area was the unity and strength developed by South Vietnam.

"A serious problem does, however, remain in Laos where, despite the Geneva armistice agreement, international communism continues to support the Pathet Lao insurgents."

Mr Dulles said there was growing strength in South Korea, Japan and Nationalist China which had an interlocking connection with the SEATO area through the United States' collective defence treaties with those countries.

"Political progress within our treaty area is attested by the fact that the Federation of Malaya will soon achieve full independence.

"With respect to Singapore, amiable and fruitful discussions are now in progress."

No Doubt

Plans for an Asian nuclear centre at Manila were being actively studied by the Colombo Plan nations with the assurance of substantial American support, both technical and financial.

He said there would be no doubt in any quarter, either friendly or hostile, that the American nation was united in its determination to respond to its obligations under its mutual security pacts, including SEATO.

Yesterday Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia conferred with Mr Dulles for almost two hours.

Also present at the meeting were Australian External Affairs Minister Sir Richard Casey, Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Sir Allen Brown, Secretary of the External Affairs Ministry A. H. Tang and American Charge d'Affaires Avery Dulles.

Mr Menzies said after the conference that "discussions were very helpful."

"We had exhaustive talks on matter of mutual interest over a wide range of subjects. I was delighted with the physical condition of Mr Dulles who, after his recent illness, is in an uncommonly good state of health," Mr Menzies said.

Main Topic

It was believed the main topic of the discussions was the Suez Canal crisis and the differences of opinion which arose between the United States and the British Commonwealth after last autumn's invasion of Egypt.

Mr Dulles and other leaders of the eight delegations to the meeting here laid wreaths on the war memorial cenotaph here and then paid a brief visit to the Hall of Memory which is presently under construction.—Reuters and United Press.

FIVE KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Willard, Ohio, Mar. 10. Five persons, including three children, were killed today in a two-car collision six miles east of here.

The Ohio State Patrol identified the drivers as Shirley Reader, 31, and Carl Moser, 31, both of Plymouth, Ohio.—United Press.



FOSTER DULLES

Sabotage Of Plane Discounted

London, Mar. 10. The Air Ministry today ruled out sabotage in the crash on Tuesday of an RAF Blackburn Beverley, Britain's biggest military transport plane. It blamed "technical failures."

Sixteen persons were killed when the four-engined British "Flying Boxcar" crashed into a group of farm houses 50 miles west of London.

"There is no evidence whatever to suggest sabotage," an Air Ministry spokesman said. "The trouble was traced to technical failures which now have been put right."

FIFTH TIME

The Sunday Express said a secret RAF inquiry into the crash considered the possibility of sabotage. The 60-ton plane crashed while trying to return to Abington airfield in Berkshire shortly after take-off.

The Express said it was the fifth time in five weeks that one or more engines of a Blackburn Beverley failed shortly after take-off.

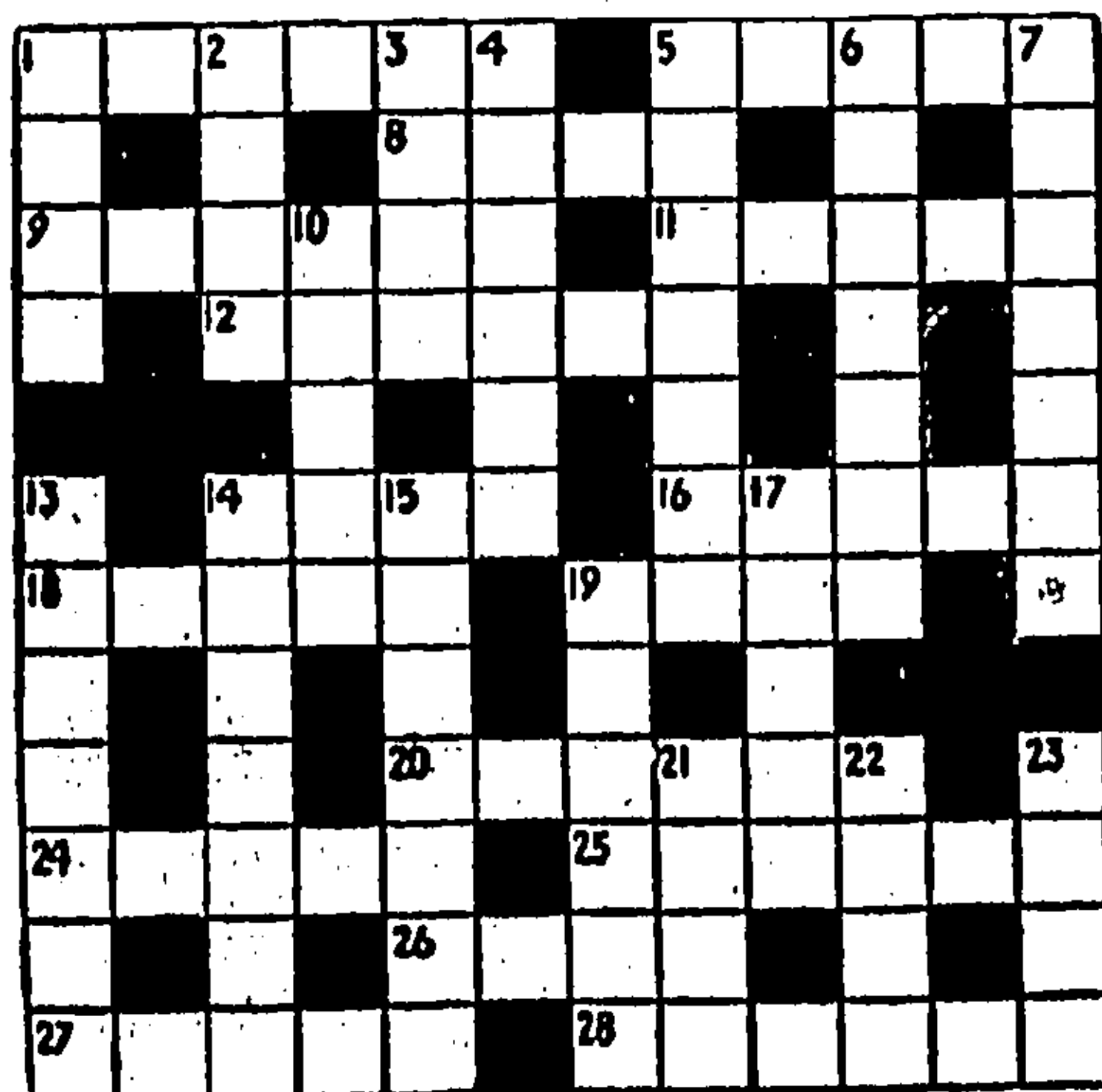
It noted that all five planes involved were assigned to a squadron which is making daily "troop and war stores flights to Cyprus."—United Press.

Kathmandu, Mar. 10. The Soviet Union's first Ambassador to Nepal today presented his credentials to King Mahendra.

The new envoy, Mr Mikhail Menshikov, is also currently Soviet Ambassador to India.

Mr Menshikov told the Nepalese King: "The Soviet Government and people wish to strengthen friendship and extend economic and cultural contacts between the Soviet Union and Nepal for our mutual benefit."—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Flights (6).
8 Concur (5).
9 Musical work (4).
10 Smoking jacket? (6).
11 Bury (5).
12 Lower to dignity (6).
14 Nobleman (4).
16 Requirements (5).
18 Solitary (5).
19 Repair (4).
20 Walked haltingly (6).
24 Farewell (5).
25 Commission (5).
27 Of sound mind (4).
28 Bird (5).
29 Despot (5).

DOWN
1 Nimble (4).
2 Regretted it sounds so discourteous (4).
3 Force (4).
4 Extend (6).
5 Idiotic (7).
6 Flustered (7).
7 Sincere (7).
10 Criminal (5).
13 Rush about wildly (7).
14 Burdening (7).
15 Hermit (5).
17 Come in (5).
19 Instant (6).
21 Victim (4).
22 Facts (4).
23 Revise (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Secure, 4 Keeps, 7 Adults, 8 Avert, 10 Gals, 12 Deputies, 15 Escal, 16 Omen, 17 Rate, 19 Slope, 20 Species, 21 Erase, 23 Petty, 24 Collar (sleeve), 25 Trade, 26 Sonnet. Down: 1 Sluggers, 2 Complete, 3 Rite, 5 Envelope, 6 Pirate, 9 Tolls, 11 Executed, 12 Does, 13 Emeralds, 14 Endured, 18 Appears, 22 Mare.



The Prince of Monte Carlo

RENE LECLER

Begins today the story of a Prince who—in a world where Princes are giving place to Tycoons—has brought publicity, glamour, ostentatious wealth, the things respected in an age that is not his, to defend a little Principedom the size of a public park. The series appears daily in the

CHINA MAIL

IMAGINE an independent country the size of Hyde Park, dominated by two beautiful hills, jutting out into the bluest of seas, crowned on the one side by the greatest casino in the world, on the other by a fairy castle such as a child might build out of his fancy.

Imagine a land where the sun shines for ten months of the year, where the air is scented with mimosa and cyclamen, where hydrangeas and bougainvilleas in public parks are changed each week.

Imagine a country with no unemployment, no income tax, no conscription, whose rights can be upheld by an army of 85 soldiers and 16 old bronze cannon.

It is paradise on earth. It is Monaco.

The Pearl of the Mediterranean, the one place in the world where the wealthy prefer to live and would choose to die. Such is the state over which reigns one of the most handsome monarchs in the world, His Serene Highness Prince Rainier III, by the Grace of God Prince of Monaco, Lord of the Rock and the Sea.

When the Prince of Monaco rises in the morning and looks out past the Renaissance arches of the terrace outside his bedroom, the last fluffy clouds of night cap the Alps in front of him. The sky is blue, an opalescent blue edged with gold. Below him lies his kingdom and he can see its farthest frontiers.

Further east again, where the mountains cascade down to the sea, there is yet another hill, Monte Carlo, or Mount Charles as it was called after one of his forefathers.

There is Monaco, the city on the hill, with its tall, narrow, ochre-painted houses which have seen twenty-five generations of his ancestors come and go. Monaco is the capital, the place where they keep the Great Seal, where they make the stamps which all the world collects.

Further east, down past the tree-shaded slopes of the Palace hill, lies La Gondamine, the business centre where his subjects work in the shops, cafes and hotels overlooking the lovely harbour where millionaires keep their yachts.

Monte Carlo is different again. It is a de-luxe resort, the world's most beautiful, most refined city of pleasure, with famous shops, holidaymakers whose names crowd the pages of Debrett's and the Almanach de Gotha—the great Victorian pile of columns and cupids, the Casino.

Somebody once called Monaco "a limited company for the enjoyment of life," and the phrase is apt. Who could be unhappy in Monaco? Certainly not Rainier, living with his beautiful princess in their pink palace amidst the Canaletto and the Brughella and where a vast red, blue and gold room holds the beautiful red-velveted throne which is the symbol of his power. He is wealthy: the state brings him £52,000 a year (£27,000 more than the President of the great French Republic). Nothing is beyond his dreams: he has a handsome yacht, several of the world's best cars, a private zoo, and twelve personal servants to carry every item of his ceremonial uniform. His subjects, who are known as Monegasques, say that he is also wise and good.

His state is a constitutional monarchy—like Britain—but in practice he is one of the last absolute monarchs, personally answerable to no one, forced to obey no one. A 19th century French wit once observed that if he had been born to wear a crown he would have liked to be either the Czar of all the Russias whose subjects number 150 million, or the Prince of Monaco who can call all his subjects by their Christian names.

Rainier can still do that. Though 25,000 people have come from all parts of the world to live happily in his kingdom by the sea, only 2,500 people are actual native-born Monegasques. When, seven years ago the Prince celebrated his accession to the throne of the Principality by an official garden party, officials did not need to issue special invitations. They simply opened wide the gates of the Palace gardens and let in the whole nation... shopkeepers, bankers, the ruling Prince in champagne and croupiers of the Casino hobnobbed with foreign envoys.

Monegasques

If their Prince is happy so are the Monegasques, mostly for the reasons mentioned above. They need never fear a loss of employment because if they so wish they have first claim to every state office, from road-sweeper to Prime Minister. The rule is that no foreigner can be given a job which a Monegasque might want and the result is that these happy people really run their tiny country; they are the policemen, the headmasters of schools, the park keepers, the

croupiers of the Casino, the customs officials, the bus drivers and in fact over 1,400 of the 2,500 Monegasques hold jobs from the state... which does not leave much room for a dole queue.

Their Prince is Rainier but their fairy godmothers undoubtedly are the million foreigners who every year crowd Monaco to have a share in its sunshine, its joie de vivre its pleasures and its gambling. By law, all Monegasques—and that includes Rainier himself—are barred from trying their luck at the roulette or baccarat tables. But why should they? The gambling visitors bring between a million and a half and two million pounds a year, most of which goes to keep Monaco on its feet.

The world has gambled at Monte Carlo for over a century; it was in 1856 that the then ruling Prince first gave a gambling concession. But the Casino itself dates only from 1869 when an enterprising Frenchman named Blanc first saw the chance of making money where the sun shone. It was Blanc, incidentally, who gave rise to the first classic joke about casino gambling: it was said in his day that whether green or red came out on the tables,

Blanc, which means white in French, always won in the end.

Gambling has since then filled the Prince of Monaco's coffers to overflowing. Its advent was the last and most magnificent stroke of luck in the centuries-old family history. Though some people might irreverently call Rainier "The Prince of the Roulette Tables," his family, the Grimaldis, have a remarkable history. Their tenacity in clinging to their tiny legacy of rock and water is almost unique, though naturally, they had their ups and downs. One Prince was murdered by his brother, another was slain by a cousin and a third Grimaldi was thrown into the sea by his angry subjects. Naturally, also, the Grimaldis intrigued and played politics to keep their kingdom intact. But which ruling family has not?

Ancestry

Rainier can trace his ancestry back to one Otto Cavella who was born in 1070, only four years after William the Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings. He was the first magistrate of Genoa, at that time one of the world's great merchant cities. He named his son Grimaldo and founded the fortunes of the clan. And what a clan it was... great merchants, their galleys laden with the treasures of the East, living in marble palaces and addressing kings and emperors as equals. They were proud, arrogant, warlike and ambitious.

Genoa soon grew too small to hold them—and their enemies. In the last years of the 13th century, the Grimaldis were knocked out of the endless struggle for power in the city and were exiled. They sailed westwards, in their own ships, with all their kinsmen, their wealth and their fighting power.

They came across a small, well-nigh impregnable rock fortress sixty miles west of Genoa. Its name was Monaco and it was already a Genoese outpost. It was so well guarded that the Grimaldis did not dare attack it in broad daylight. But at dead of night, two of them disguised as monks asked for admittance into the fortress, thus opening the doors for their friends and relatives.

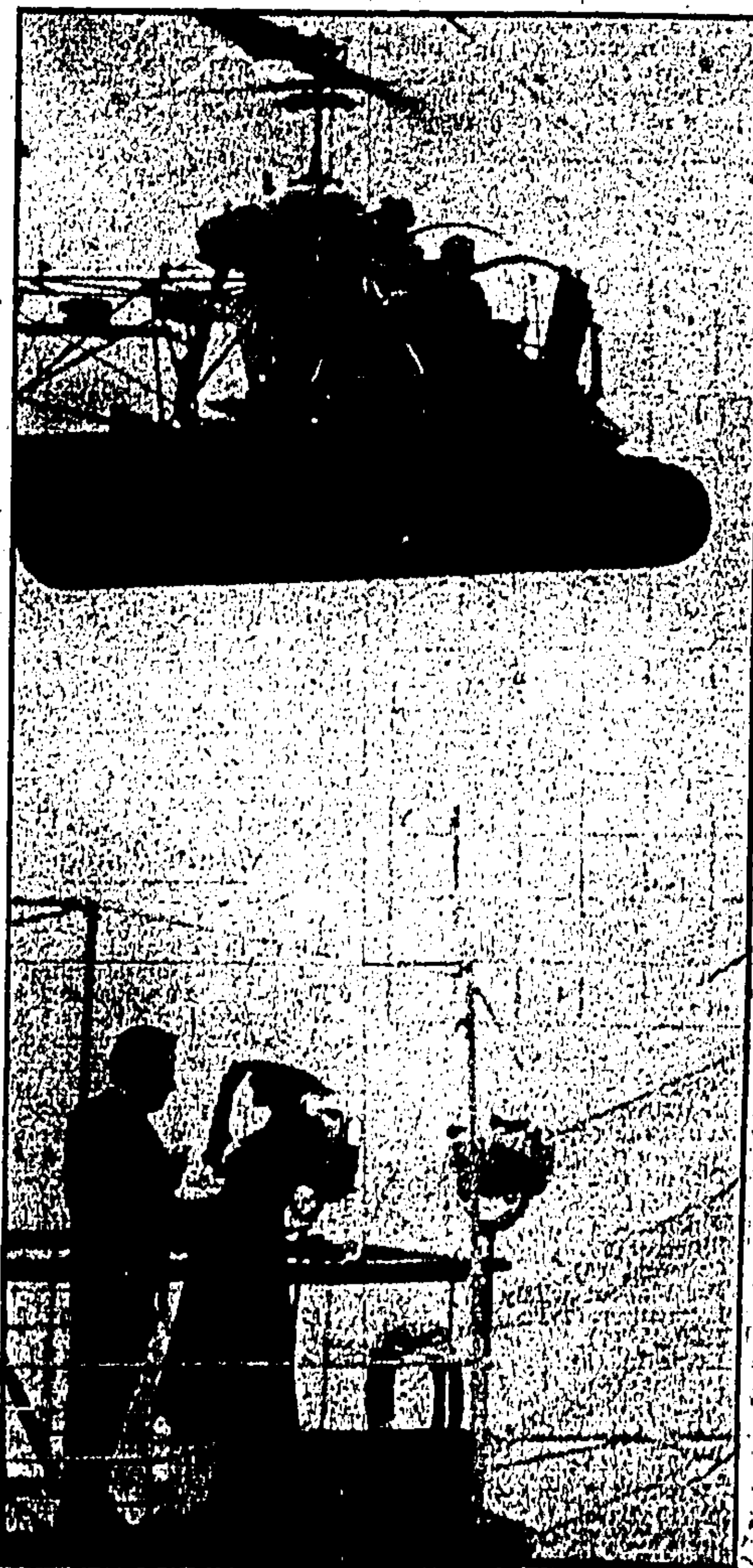
And Arms

That is why to this day, the arms of Monaco show two monks, both with swords in their hands, supporting the family's coat of arms. By 1307, the Grimaldis were at home for good on the Monaco rock and made themselves independent rulers. They have never willingly let go of this power.

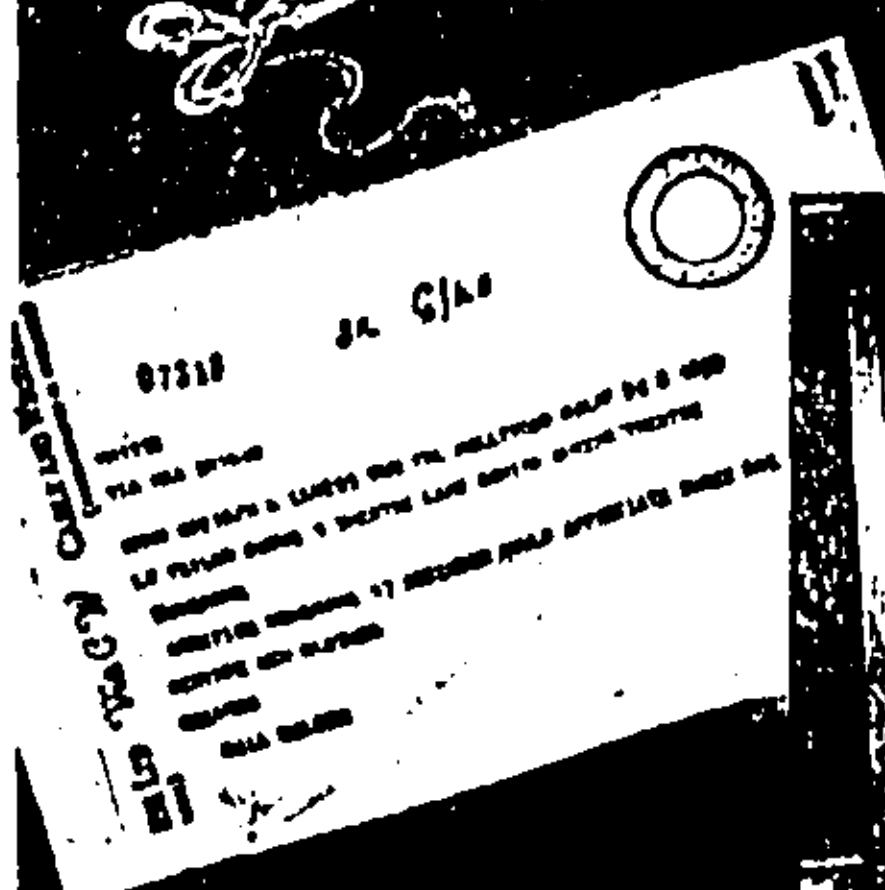
Through centuries of turbulent European history, the Prince of the Grimaldi family were in the thick of councils, wars and battles. One was Admiral of France; another commanded the armies of the French king and a third led the French archers who fought at the Battle of Crecy against the bowmen of King Henry V of England. Their sons reigned and their daughters married well. They gained new titles and lost others but never once did they willingly give up Monaco.

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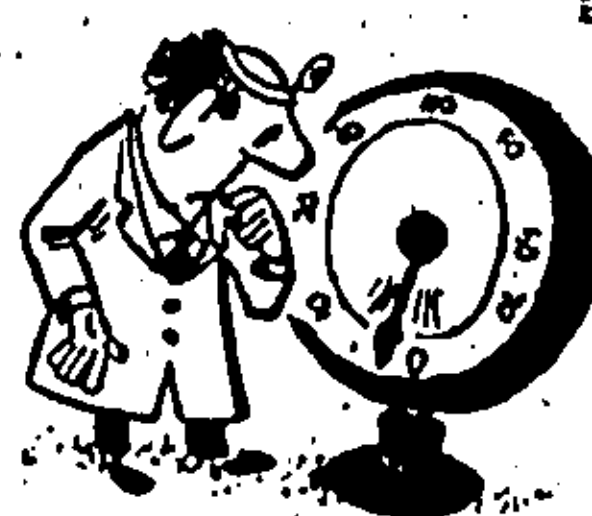
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All in a Doctor's Day... by CEDRIC CARNE



MR S CORNELIA JONES was convalescing from influenza. She was on the up and up though her blood pressure was low.

"Low," she said, "oh dear." It is surprising how many people worry about low blood pressure. When they hear about it they tend to groan like double-crossed spooks. Instead, they should stamp their feet, shake the money in their pockets, cry out with joy.

For the statistics of insurance companies indicate that those who have a low blood pressure generally live longer than those with normal blood pressure.

This is understandable; to have a low blood pressure means that there is less wear and tear and strain on the blood vessels and the heart.

"In fact," I said, "you have the kind of physique which goes with a low blood pressure."

She was as light as a meringue, only wiry. Like so many who have low blood pressure, readings she took regularly.

Still, Mrs. Jones's blood pressure was even lower than usual. It was to be expected. A lowering of the blood pressure is often the sequel to any illness

that lays one up some time in bed. All she needed was a period of rest, good food and, ideally, a bracing holiday by the sea.

The feeling of tiredness and "lack of staying power" which results from the low blood pressure of convalescence cleans up with such health-giving measures.

"Sometimes," Mrs. Jones complained, "when standing up after resting, I feel dizzy or see spots in front of my eyes."

"That is the result of what is called postural low blood pressure," I said.

Normally, the blood vessels in the lower parts of the body contract slightly when we change our posture, allowing enough blood to reach the brain.

In postural low blood pressure this mechanism does not function adequately. Still, the dizziness is soon rectified on resting.

NOT SERIOUS

"This kind of low blood pressure," I said, "happens to all of us early in the morning or if we are a bit off colour or if we are very tired. It tends to occur in people of, weedy build or in elderly people not too robust. But in itself it is of no serious importance."

"Is there any low blood pressure, then, which is important?" Mrs. Jones asked.

I told her about the illness called Addison's disease. In this disorder the blood pressure is low because not enough adrenalin is being manufactured in the body.

"Adrenalin? That's the substance that operates in the chemistry of fear, isn't it?" Mrs. Jones asked.

She was right. When we are afraid the body does produce more adrenalin and that is why fear raises our blood pressure. In Addison's disease there is a deficiency of adrenalin, and it was once a nightmare as doctors had no means to treat it. Nowadays it can be held in check by the patient taking an "adrenalin-like substance."

Other forms of low blood pressure due to ill-health are associated with those illnesses where blood in small and repeated amounts is lost from the body over a long period.

Continual nose bleed, or stomach ulcers can lead to this. I said, "But remember the majority with low blood pressure have nothing wrong with them at all."

A touch of low pressure in medicine does not necessarily mean rough weather ahead.

KITCHEE 4, EASTERN 0

Eastern's Attack Falls To Pieces With A Lame Chu

By "TOUCHWOOD"

What a miserable exhibition Eastern, the defending League Champions, gave at the Hongkong Government Stadium yesterday, playing with a ten-man team. Chu Wing-keung hurt himself in the 15th minute when he kicked the ground instead of the ball and though he returned to play after the 26th minute, his foot injury so hampered him that he was a passenger for the remaining period.

Kitchee, after being held to a scoreless first half, slammed in four rapid goals to which their opponents had no reply. Chu Wing-keung's injury was the main reason why the Eastern forward line failed to net any goals. The Eastern forwards have always depended on Chu to make the openings and when he could not perform this task it came as no surprise that Kitchee had things their way for the best part of the match.

SWAYTHLING CUP

Japan To Meet Hungary In Team Event Final

Stockholm, Mar. 10. Japan, the holders, will meet Hungary in the final of the Men's Swaythling Cup team event in the World Table Tennis Championships here tomorrow.

In the semi-finals tonight Japan beat China 5-1 and Hungary defeated Czechoslovakia 6-0.

Japan also qualified to meet the holders, Rumania, in the final of the Women's Corbillion Cup. Both Japan and Rumania beat China in final pool matches today.

In spite of poor play by World Champion Ichiro Ogimura, who was beaten twice in team matches today, Japan have gone through nine contests without defeat in reaching the final of the Swaythling Cup. They conceded six individual matches.

Hungary, who were in a smaller qualifying group, won at eight contests and conceded five matches.

Ogimura was beaten today by Tage Persberg, 39-year-old left-handed Swede, and Chuan Yao Wang, China's number two. Lisabert, using a new sponge rubber bat which leading players say is much faster than any other type, beat Ogimura 21-10, 10-21, 21-10.

Chuan Yao Wang beat the World Champion 21-13, 21-13.

Rumania swept into the final of the women's event with nine straight victories. They did not concede a match until tonight's contest against China which they won 3-2. Japan beat China 6-0.—Reuter.

Big Gate Expected In Perez-Dower World Title Fight

Buenos Aires, Mar. 10. The World Flyweight Championship bout between Pascual Perez and Dal Dower is expected to produce the biggest gate in the history of Argentine boxing, Democrazia said today.

The fight will be staged in the San Lorenzo Stadium which has a capacity of 85,000. Although the bout is not expected to draw anywhere near a capacity crowd, it is certain to pull in well over the 20,000 maximum of Luna Park where most big fights are held here. Luna Park lost the fight because of a dispute with Perez' manager, Lazaro Koci.

This will be Perez' second defence of his title before an Argentine crowd. He fought Leo Espinosa of the Philippines here at Luna Park in 1955, retaining his title with a unanimous decision victory.—United Press.

The score of 4-0 could have been lengthened had Eastern's Toledo, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kwok-wah and Kung Wah-ki been off form. Luckily for the Eastern side these four players staged off repeated raids which threatened to beat Yung Pui-dor.

Best of the four was Toledo whose hard work had the Kitchee defence and goalkeeper Tim Nai-huen on their toes. Toledo crashed in several shots, especially in the second half, which missed the mark by inches.

Chu Wing-keung deserves a word of praise for his hard work even when limping. Chu was switched over to the right wing after the interval but later returned to his original position at right-inner. Though lame, he used his good left foot to the full and his several headers nearly found their way into the net but for an alert Tim Nai-huen.

In the Kitchee side the players who shone were Szeto Man, Leo Tai-fai, Chau Man-chi and Chan Fai-hung. The man of the match for Kitchee was Szeto Man who played very well at right wing.

With the odds in their favour when Chu was injured, the Kitchee team made full use of this advantage. The forwards pounced on the ball and their powerful thrusts split open the Eastern defence.

Kitchee surprised the defending champions with a sudden goal in the 10th minute. A high shot off the foot of Szeto Man had Ko Po-keung and Yung Pui-dor both beaten to give Kitchee a 1-0 lead.

Eastern's Toledo came close to beating the home side shortly after when his shot just missed the mark by inches.

By the 15th minute Kitchee were two up. Left-winger Szeto Man crossed a well placed shot over to Kwok Yau and the latter easily kicked the ball past the groping hands of Yung Pui-dor. This goal took the fight out of the Eastern side and they played a listless game after this setback.

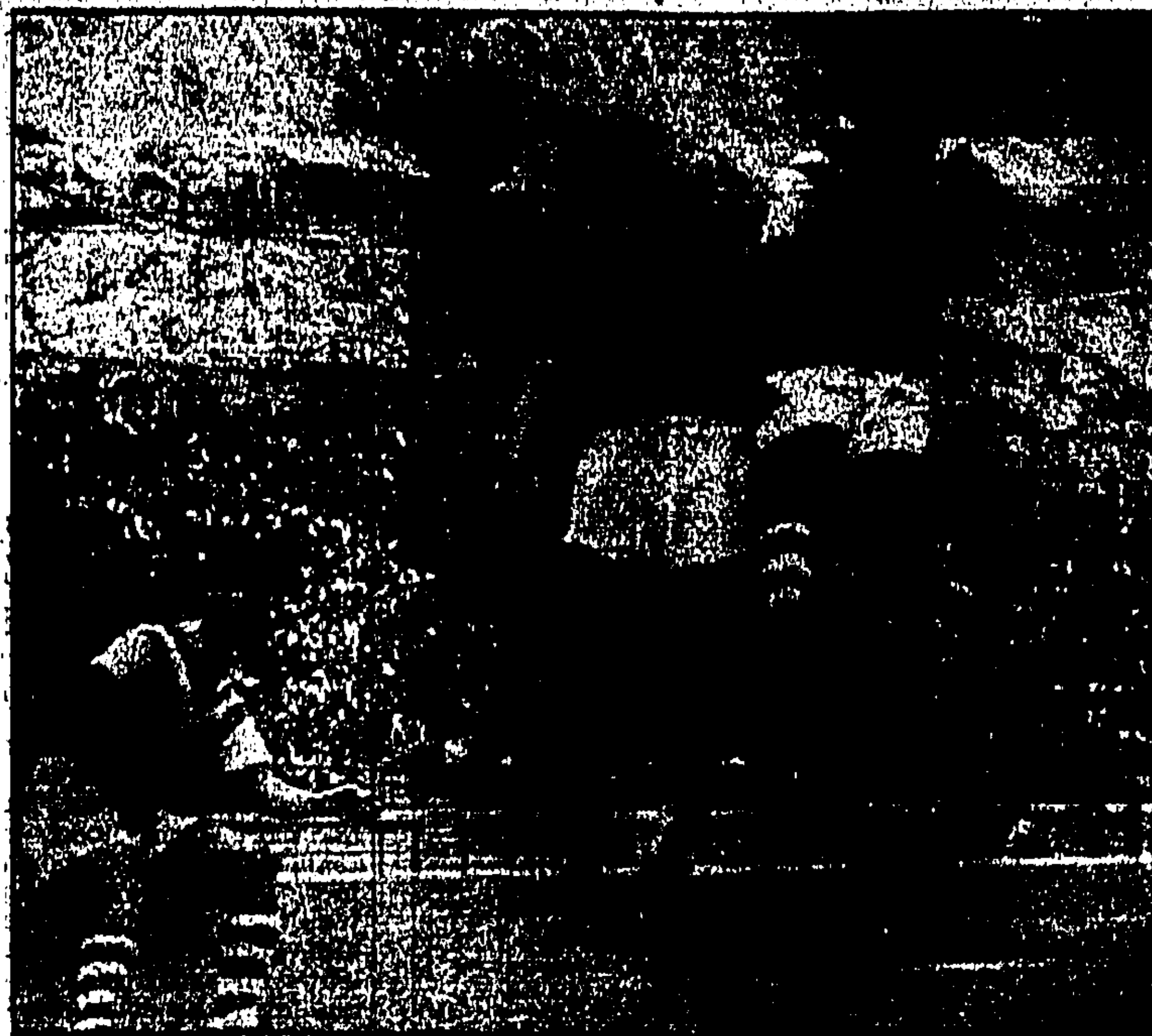
The Kitchee team made sure of victory when they scored their third goal in the 25th minute. Chau Man-chi, taking a free kick from 40 yards out, fooled Eastern's Yung Pui-dor by tapping the ball over to Leo Tai-fai. Leo sent in a hefty kick and it was goal past Yung Pui-dor. Kitchee led 4-0 for Kitchee by the 30th minute.

TEAMS
Kitchee: Tam Nai-huen; Szeto Yiu, Lui Shue-ping; Chan Fai-hung, Leo Ping-chiu, Chau Man-chi; Szeto Man, Leo Tai-fai, Yung Pui-dor, Kwok Yau, Szeto Sum.

Eastern: Yung Pui-dor; Lee Ping-nam, Leo Kwok-wah; To-keung, Ko Po-keung, Kung Wah-ki; Ho Ying-fun, Chu Wing-keung, Lee Kwok-wai, Lo Kwok-tai, Wong Tak-look.

BASKETBALL

Madrid, Mar. 10. Spain beat Portugal in an international basketball encounter in Madrid tonight by 101 points to 55.—Franco-Press.



Eastern's Lee Ping-nam (centre) tussles for the ball with Kitchee's Young Wai-to while Kwok Yau on left looks on in this incident at yesterday's First Division League soccer match at the Hongkong Government Stadium. Kitchee won 4-0.—China Mail Photo.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Blackhawks Claim Sole Possession Of Top Rung In Pennant Ladder

By "TIME OUT"

Playing determined ball before a large crowd of supporters at King's Park yesterday, Oly Vas' youthful Blackhawks claimed sole possession of the top rung in the Men's Senior "A" Pennant ladder when they ousted the Warriors with a narrow 1-0 count.

Right from the shout of "Play Ball!" a red-hot pitching duel ensued with a series of goose-eggs decorating the scoreboard until the top of the sixth frame when the determined Hawks finally broke into the run column with a resounding over-the-fence triple off Budji Dhabar's Hickory.

The Warriors took the field first and lead-off batter Tony Rodriguez of the Hawks started the game going with a smash to centre that eluded Oliveira to give him a life. Next up, Ren Barretto on an attempted hit-and-run effort fouled off into disaster as his butt popped feebly into the waiting mitt of catcher George Ribeiro who whipped the pill back to first base to catch Rodriguez off for a brilliant double-play.

The Warriors but also started shortly after when his shot just missed the mark by inches. By the 15th minute Kitchee were two up. Left-winger Szeto Man crossed a well placed shot over to Kwok Yau and the latter easily kicked the ball past the groping hands of Yung Pui-dor. This goal took the fight out of the Eastern side and they played a listless game after this setback.

With the scoreboard still displaying a string of zeroes, Budji Dhabar's wicked Hickory posted the victory over to the Blackhawks. Facing a two-and-three count after one out, Dhabar leaned on Wong's next serve and sent it in a scorching line over the fence at right-field for a ringing triple. Jerry Remedios then forced a roller to short, Dhabar scoring on the play.

The never-say-die Warriors, maimed and undermanned, fought back gamely in their sixth as Chaves worked a free ticket to first and advanced on and caught George Ribeiro. Ribeiro then lined W. Nunes at short for the second out. Seeing Chaves off base on the catch, he whipped the ball across to complete a double-play and stop the threat.

ONE NIL LEAD
With a 1-0 lead in their favour, the Hawks went out in earnest in their seventh for some "insurance" runs and before the dust could settle, runners were straddling second and third with nose out. But the sure-fire battery of Wong and Ribeiro were not to be outdone as between them the side was reduced, leaving runners dying on base, Remedios being nipped at the plate on an attempted steal while Pedruco and Nunes stirred the breeze successfully.

A weak Warrior trio faced Pedruco on the mound in their final effort at the bat and flashing with the brilliance of a

THREE TEAMS STILL IN THE RUNNING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "RECORDER"

Three teams remain in the running for the First Division Cricket League Championship. Though the Optimists were well and truly beaten by the KCC at Cox's Road on Saturday and are now three points behind KCC and Army South, the key match comes next Saturday as Optimists meet Army South. KCC have Army North and the Scorpions left to play and both these teams are capable of upsetting them.

KCC won quite decisively by 70 runs. After declaring at 168 for eight, they left the Optimists some two hours' batting time and dismissed them for 98 with some minutes to spare.

It was very much Bob Bell's match as he took seven wickets for 20 runs in 14 overs. He wasn't bowling exceptionally well, but very effectively on what was a batsman's wicket. Sent in to bat first after losing the toss, KCC started at a good rate, being at one stage 104 for three wickets as Phil Wood, Robbie Lee, Buddy Curran and Ken Hunter went for the runs and got these at a good rate.

Hunter, moved up from the Second Division for this match, was the most generous contributor to the KCC total with 56 runs. Findlay and Coffey went cheaply, the former held by Clarke off Tommy Mahon at forward short leg and the latter held by Sougham off the same bowler at short leg, and the situation worsened with six wickets down for 124 runs, but the remaining batsmen again went for the runs and a useful 168 was on the board when David Coffey declared.

The Optimists started poorly, three wickets being down for 10, four for 30 and five for 37. Pritchard was the first to go, bowled by Bell, then Slink was held in the slips by Findlay and Clarke by Curran at second slip.

The first three wickets were Bell's. Curran took Kibbey held by Robbie Lee at third slip. Then Sougham was held by wicketkeeper Roach off Bell at 37 and a change of bowling then gave the Optimists some respite.

John Leander was quite comfortable against both Bell and Curran, but finally went after a personal contribution of 32 to a very nice left-handed catch by Phil Wood off Hill at wide mid-on.

The Optimists were then 69 for nine, but George Wong also looked quite comfortable, but for quite a while it looked like the game might finish up in a tame draw.

Rowe and Hall carried the score to 92, but then two quick wickets fell, Hall being bowled by Coffey and Rowe held by the wicketkeeper off Bell. The game ended shortly after at 98 as Ken Hunter held two successive catches at second slip off Bell.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division					
	P	W	L	D	Pla.
KCC	18	13	2	3	55
Army South	18	13	3	2	52
Optimists	18	12	4	2	52
Army North	18	9	4	5	39
RAF	18	8	4	6	35
Indian RC	18	7	6	5	31
Craigswater	18	6	8	4	29
Frederic	17	4	10	3	18
Scorpions	18	3	9	6	19
Police	18	2	15	1	9
Royal Navy	16	0	14	2	2

Second Division					
	P	W	L	D	Pla.
Army North	20	13	2	5	60
KCC Harrods	20	14	4	2	58
Army South	22	9	8	4	42
RAF	19	10	8	1	41
Dockyard	21	10	10	1	41
Herford	17	10	8	3	38
Indian RC	18	7	6	5	33
KCC Warrs	19	7	8	4	32
University	17	5	4	8	28
DBS	21	4	7	9	27
Royal Navy	21	6	13	2	26
KCC	19	10	8	3	19
Police	20	2	16	2	10

* Including two points for a tie.

Walter Lindrum May Play In Hongkong

Singapore, Mar. 10.

Walter Lindrum, the world famous Australian billiards player, arrives here tomorrow (Monday) to begin a 10-week exhibition tour of South-East Asia.

Lindrum begins the tour with exhibitions in Singapore and Malaya.

Later he plans to visit Hongkong, Penang, Borneo, Ceylon, and Thailand.

The tour of "Billiards" has almost rewritten the record books. In one year he has established 67 world records.

His marathon breaks include a thousand over 1,000, two hundred over 2,000, five over 3,000, and two over 4,000.

He is a former champion in the top Gordon—Reuter.

Manchester United Look Set For Cup-League Double

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Mar. 11.

Manchester United, familiarly known as "Busby's Babes," being the youngsters manager Matt Busby has brought to such fame, look set for the Cup-League double, not achieved since Aston Villa accomplished this notable feat in 1897.

United, who have been favourites to carry off the Cup since the season started, are now only an 11-8 chance to lift the coveted trophy for the third time in their history.

The draw has, however, not been very kind to them for in the semi-finals to be played on March 23 they have drawn their most dreaded opponents, Birmingham City, last year's holders.

Manchester United, who are their fourth semi-final since the second world war.

Though the betting favours the Manchester club for the odds against Birmingham winning the Cup are 7-1, past encounters between the two clubs tend to favour the Midlands team.

Of their two League matches this season, the first at Manchester resulted in a 2-2 draw, Birmingham easily won the return game 3-1 on their own ground. And again in their two previous matches in the Cup, Birmingham have won both by one goal to nothing, first in 1928 and again in 1951.

As against that inter-club record, Manchester United can point to the satisfactory fact that they have won both the two Cup finals in which they have taken part.

In 1909 they beat Bristol City in the final and in 1948 Blackpool. If they average previous Cup defeats by Birmingham will be a question of third time lucky? Or will Birmingham be able to say third time lucky on the night of March 23?

The United are running away with the League Championship, which they won last year, and the odds against them pulling off the double are no higher than 2-1.

UNIQUE TREBLE

They cannot be much higher than 4-1 against their bringing off a unique triple by also winning the European Cup, though once again they appear to have drawn their most dangerous opponents, Real Madrid, in the semi-finals (Real are not yet through but with a three goals lead over Nice their victory seems assured).

As with the English Cup, it seems that the final is taking place in the semi-final and that the winners of the Manchester United-Birmingham and Manchester United-Real contests will go through to win the final.

This in the case of the English Cup is a disaster either to Aston Villa or West Bromwich Albion, who somewhat unexpectedly have come through to the semi-finals to meet each other. Both clubs have the amazing record of having reached the semi-finals 15 times, to hold the joint Cup record.

The Villa, famed Cup tie team of the early part of the century, have been going through a lean Cup tie period. This year is the first since 1938 that they have come through to the semi-finals. They have controlled nine finals all told having won four of them.

West Bromwich have a better record having won six of the eight finals in which they have taken part.

This might possibly be the reason why they are 5-1 to lift the Cup and the Villa 4-9-4.

In their last year's Cup campaign, in a past year, statistics gave the Villa the edge as they have beaten their neighbours five times in the last seven matches. They won the

SCORE TO SETTLE

Birmingham are hoping that if they confound the critics and beat Manchester United they will meet West Bromwich. They have a score to settle against the "Thamesiders" who beat them in the 1931 Cup final by 2-1. The City men "to this day" declaring that they had a perfectly good goal disallowed.

A remarkable fact about the last four in the Cup is that three of the clubs come from the same area, the grounds of Birmingham, Villa, and the Albion all being situated within a radius of under 10 miles. This is the first time in the 75 years' history of the Cup that this has happened, though in 1892 three Midlands clubs reached the semi-finals and there have been three occasions when three Lancashire clubs got through to this stage.

The last occasion was in 1953 when Blackpool Bolton and Everton reached the last four.

There have been the usual shocks in the Cup so far with the victory of Bourmouth over the Wolves and the Spurs as the highlights.

There may be more to come though few see any real danger of Manchester United being beaten unless they have an off day or are very unlucky. After all "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." — China Mail Special.

PENSACOLA OPEN GOLF

Art Wall Junior Wins His Fourth Major Contest

Pensacola, Florida, Mar. 10. Quiet Art Wall Jr. of Pocomo Manor, Pennsylvania, took the lead with an eagle on the eighth hole and went on to carve out a brilliant six-under-par 66 today for the \$2,000 top money in the \$15,000 Pensacola Open golf tournament.

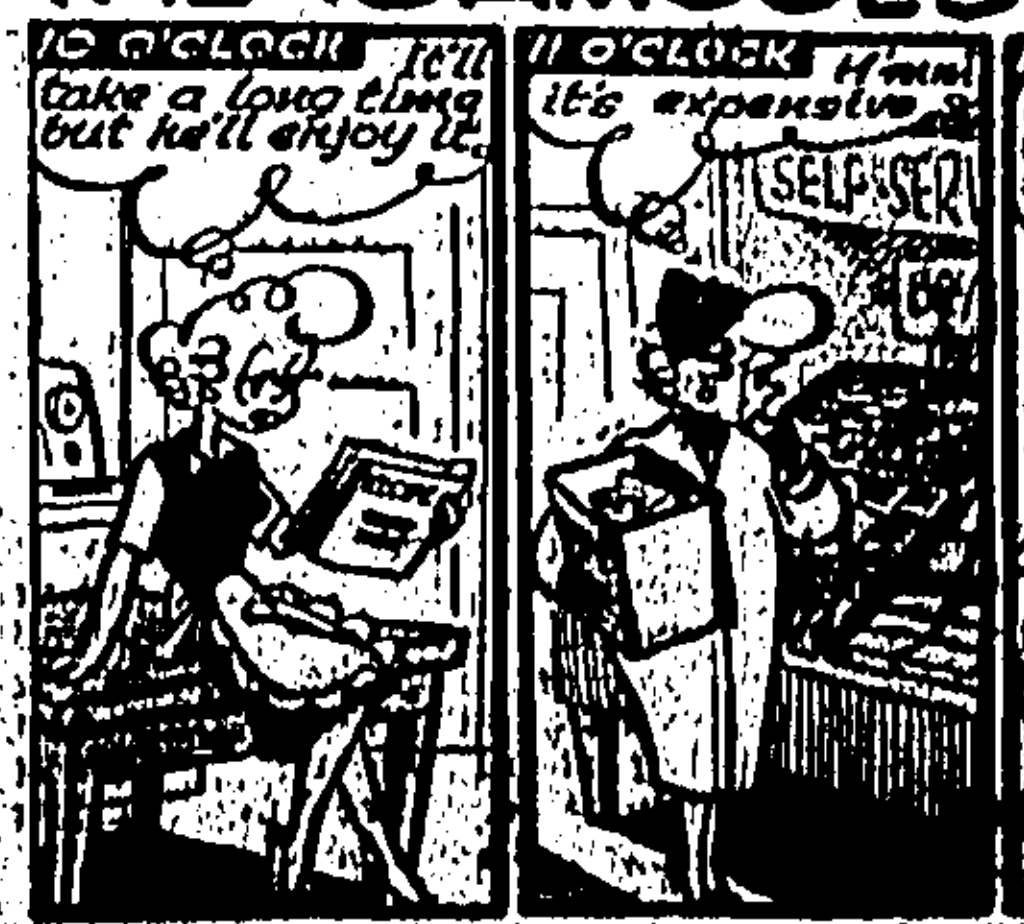
The 33-year-old pro, who went into today's final 18 holes trailing Australian Peter Thomson by two strokes, shot a 24-32 to win his fourth major contest in his six years on the PGA circuit. His total for the 72 holes was 273, two strokes better than Thomson.

Wall, a consistent money-winner, though seldom top man, sank an eight-foot putt on the eighth for an eagle two. A quiet, soft-spoken pro who has more holes in one than any other player on the circuit, he putted steadily all the way.

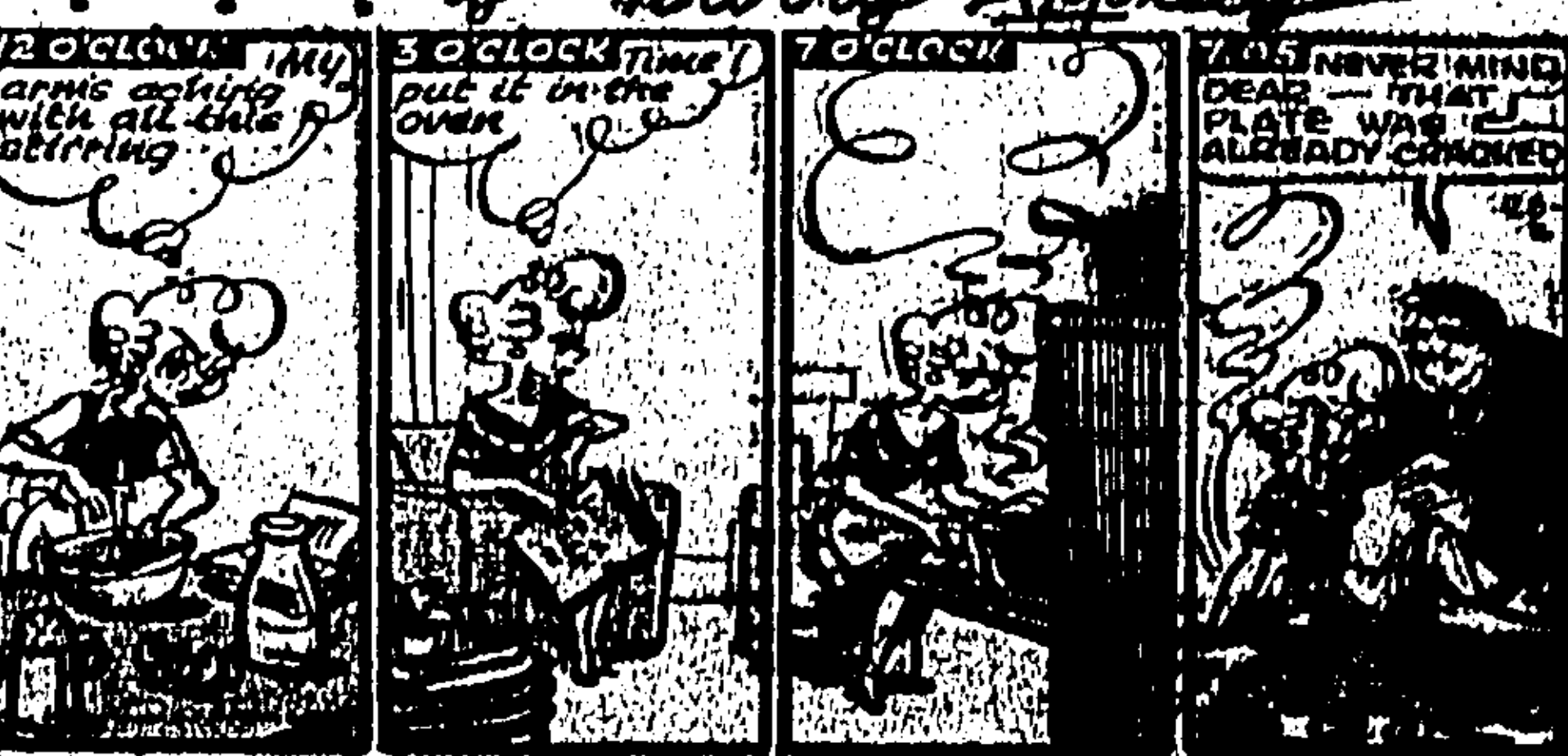
Thomson, 27, who also finished second last week in the Baton Rouge Open, found his putter wasn't working. But still he holed up a \$1,500 second money prize. Thomson's only comment was "I didn't play as well as yesterday, but second prize isn't hard to take."

Veteran Marty Fungl shot a 278 total to finish third and a \$750 consolation prize. Fungl's total for the 72 holes was 279, one stroke better than Thomson. He was tied with Walter Burton at 279.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



GOLDEN CHURN



HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB WIN BLARNEY STONE RUGGER COMPETITION

By "PAK NG LO WAH"

The Hongkong Football Club "A" Team won the final of the Blarney Stone seven-a-side Rugby Knock-out competition last Saturday, narrowly triumphing over 15th Medium Regt. R. A. by a try (3 pts) to nil. The match was played under floodlights at the Club Stadium. The comparatively large and at times most vociferous crowd was treated to an excellent evening's entertainment.

The opening match of the evening was between 15th Medium and the Old Crocks. The younger Army team romped home by twenty points to nil.

Following this the RAF Sek-Kong team, which because of its walkover against Police "D" had yet to play an actual match in the tournament, was beaten 18-0 by the Green Howards.

For the first four minutes the latter played with only six men, and quite naturally the Almonds had a slight edge. However, after Green's late arrival the Soldiers asserted their superiority and it was Green himself who ran very strongly to score his team's three tries. Kingston converted all of these tries and also kicked a penalty goal.

In the third quarter-final the Royal Navy Barracks team deservedly beat the 27th HAA by nine points to three.

REMAINING MATCH
The remaining match at this stage of the competition was between Club "A" and 74 LAA. This was a closely contested game in which the Civilians took the lead when O'Kelly converted a try which he scored in the 15th minute.

SEMI-FINALS
15th Medium 0 2 0 pts.
Green Howards 0 1 3 pts.

SPORTS ROUNDOUP

TAX-FREE BENEFITS FOR SOCCER PLAYERS NEXT SEASON?

By DAVID JACK

Footballers will probably get tax-free benefits next season.

If it does happen—and I have every reason to believe it will—this will represent the biggest-ever step forward to affect professional players' terms of employment.

For years footballers have complained that professional cricketers like Cyril Washbrook (£14,000) collect their testimonials and dodge the tax. Footballers get a maximum £750 and return at least £250 to the Inland Revenue.

Players' Union secretary Cliff Lloyd tells me: "With the backing of the Football League, tax-free benefits could be arranged. Important League members tell me they are all in favour of the idea."

Clubs will discuss the Union's plan at the conference of League clubs in London.

Should be a lively meeting. If the national Third and Fourth Division ideas go through, at least a dozen clubs will be bankrupt in quick time. The ban on Christmas Day fixtures is another spot of legislation certain to cause arguments.

There's a shock in store for clubs who have installed floodlights on the cheap. Minimum standards will be agreed upon—and anything short of the Wimpey-Hillborough-St. Andrews quality is liable to be declared useless for competitive games.

Tommy Lawton, Kettering player-manager, has made several moves to persuade his former England international, colleague Neil Franklin to join Kettering.

VILLA REVIVAL
Aston Villa's revival may not be complete, but three years of the Eric Houghton-Jimmy Hogan partnership have worked wonders. Youth development schemes have produced bright youngsters like Terry Morrall (centre half), Barry March (outside left), George Brook

(right half), Paul Cobley (left half) and Walter Hazelden (centre forward).

Biggest problem for coach Hogan, a slightly 75-year-old, is to find boys who are still interested in Soccer. He tells me: "At New Street station, I saw up to 200 healthy kids writing down engine numbers in an atmosphere full of filthy fumes. Times have changed."

Several England under-23 internationals who played at Wembley Park the other week took a "dim view" of the floodlights. Says England skipper Ronnie Clayton: "Below knee level, the ball just vanished in the gloom."

TOUGH ON LEN
Len Julian has scored 40 goals for Leyton Orient Reserves this season, but the consistency of centre-forward Tom Johnston denies Julian the first team job he has earned. Explains Manager Alec Stock: "Julian likes playing centre-forward, and it would be no solution to give him a first team place in any other position."

Fact that Dick Neal was the only England player to do his reputation any good in the under-23 international at Glasgow will increase interest in him—even at £20,000. Expect Neal to leave Lincoln City within a fortnight.

INSEPARABLE
Brothers-in-law Bert Turner and Dai Astley used to play for Charlton Athletic. Then they both went to Sweden on coaching jobs. Now Bert and Dai have taken pubs near each other on the Kent coast—Dai is at Ramsgate, and Bert at Margate.

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Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

Three Records At Norman Phillips Trophy Match

By "RECORDER"

Three records were broken at the Norman Phillips Trophy Match at the University ground at Pokfulam yesterday.

First of all, Robin Weate ran the longest distance achieved by anyone in the history of this match—four and a half miles in all in winning the half mile, one mile and three miles.

The many spectators also saw two of the longest rolling starts in the history of local athletics. Had Norman Phillips been present, he would at the very least have disarmed the starter. Norman may even have given his old friend the contents of both barrels, but then one must be merciful and admit that not everyone is ambidextrous.

It is not unlikely that John Hunter ran the fastest 100 yards in the history of local athletics. He waited for the recall gun for the best part of one second and closed up a good eight yards on the earliest starters.

Don Gunn established a personal record for versatility. He scored points in the 100 yards, 220 yards hurdles and the 880 yards, his start in the low hurdles being the first of his long athletic career, his start in the 880 his second. He also volunteered for the three miles, but accepted the advice that he should conserve some of his energy for next Sunday's match.

The furlong hurdles solely needed a photographer with half the starter's stopping dead every now and then to make up their mind which foot to take off from.

There were no excellent performances. Best effort of the day was John Hunter's high jump of 5 feet 9 inches.

The South China Athletic Association won the match by 81½ points to 71½ for the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club and 33 for the Hongkong University Athletic Club.

All three teams were short of many of their best athletes, the University being hardest hit in this respect.

THE SUMMARIES

100 Yards Dash:—1. David Toh (HKU); 2. Mao Ho-chop (SCAA); 3. Capt. D. Gunn (HKAAC); 4. Capt. J. L. Hunter (HKAAC); 5. Lai Chan-man (SCAA); 6. Leo King-fun (HKU). Time: 16.3 secs.

220 Yards Dash:—1. Mao Ho-chop (SCAA); 2. Archie Lee (HKAAC); 3. Chan Man-man (SCAA); 4. Leo King-fun (HKU); 5. Terrence Lee (HKU); 6. Leo King-fun (HKU). Time: 24.3 secs.

440 Yards Run:—1. W. Reeves (HKAAC); 2. Archie Lee (HKAAC); 3. Mao Ho-chop (SCAA); 4. Mo Ho-chop (SCAA). Time: 54.8 secs.

880 Yards Run:—1. R. Weate (HKAAC); 2. Chan Hung-man (SCAA); 3. Capt. D. Gunn (HKAAC); 4. Wong Ka-yiu (HKAAC); 5. Lo Kwok-man (SCAA). Time: 2 mins. 7.0 secs.

One Mile Run:—1. R. Weate (HKAAC); 2. Chan Hung-man (SCAA); 3. Au Chung-shing (SCAA).

Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 6 Orders, by Mr. Allister Drummond, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of March 8, 1957.

Recruitment: A/Supt. (Admin. & Com.), Chan Poon-ping, w.e.f. 3.3.57; Supt. (H.K.), Lee Kwan-yee, w.e.f. 3.3.57; Supt. (H.K.), Wong Yiu-ping, w.e.f. 3.3.57.

Training Allowance: Instruction Allowance for the month of January, 1957 are now ready for collection. Annual training fee: \$25.00. Leave pay: 5% (H.K.) Chow Yiu-hwa granted 5 months' leave w.e.f. 1.3.57.

(Sgt.) Peter Chow, Deputy Supt., A.F.S. Notice

Band Concert: The A.F.S. Band will give a public performance on Sunday, 10.3.57 at the King George V Memorial Bandstand, 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. All members of the Auxiliary Fire Service and their families are invited to attend.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

THERE PROBABLY WILL BE MORE SINGING PARTS IN KIRK DOUGLAS FILMS

By RON BURTON

Hollywood. Kirk Douglas doesn't sing in the shower, never became mixed up in things like a choir or college glee club and never had any formal voice training. And yet he has had to demonstrate his baritone in his last four motion pictures.

Douglas realises that his untrained warbling isn't going to cause Frank Sinatra or Gordon MacRae to fret about their futures. However, he's been told that his singing performances are creditable, especially when one considers that he never was trained for such stuff.

The present vocalising chore is being done for Warner Bros. where he's working in "Top Secret Affair," which used to be called "Melville Goodwin, U.S.A." The selection is a jazzed up version of "The Calabrese Go Rolling Along" and is used in a night club sequence with Susan Hayward.

HE'S READY FOR MORE

While the fact that Douglas sings in films is in itself interesting, the songs themselves are also interesting because of their variety. In "Man Without A Star" he tickled a banjo and did "The Moon Grew Brighter and Brighter." In "Young Man with a Horn" he and composer Hoagy Carmichael turned out "Lovin' Sam, the Sheik of Alabam" as a duet.

The most recent number prior to his current efforts was "Whale of a Tale" for "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." This last one was very pleasing to Douglas because Decca recorded it, and the project was a financial success.

Douglas thinks that the present status of his voice is fine, and he plans no switch which would necessitate extensive singing on his part. However, he thinks that if the pattern of the past is any indicator, there probably will be more singing parts in his films.

And he's ready with what he calls "the most untrained, non-professional voice" in Hollywood.

An absence of vanity, an animal quality and a slightly mussed look are prerequisites for a "real man." In the book of Jean Willes, she's a pretty dark-haired actress who is frequently seen on TV and is now working in "The King and Four Queens," starring Clark Gable.

In the motion picture she portrays one of the "queens" of actor Gable. She has come to admire him greatly and considers him a splendid example of a genuine American male.

"I've reached a conclusion about him," she said. "Besides being a good performer, I think his secret of success over the years is the fact that he looks like a man, walks like a man and acts like a man."

"Women are particularly conscious of this, you know. So many men seem to be at war with their own sex nowadays what with their long hair, loud clothes, and other strange things."

Miss Willes, who is obviously a splendid specimen of a genuine American female, thinks Gable's gentleness, his excellent sense of humor, is a rugged type and thoroughly meets her definition of a man.

However, she's a little worried about others of the opposite sex.

NO SHORT PANTS
"A real man should have an animal quality, but it should be akin to the lion and not the lamb," she said. "The modern generation of men causes me concern. They seem awfully soft, and I just can't imagine them as winners of the West, tillers of the soil and so forth. Their ancestors would be embarrassed—honest."

"Thank goodness, there are exceptions. A girl's very much the same."

WORLD CUP SOCCER
Swiss Hold Spain To A 2-2 Draw
Madrid, Mar. 10. Switzerland unexpectedly held Spain to a 2-2 draw in the first leg of their preliminary World Cup football match here today.

The crowd of 120,000 saw Spain fight back from a goal here today to watch the visiting All-Malaya Combined Services rugby team easily beat Meiji University by 14 points to nil.

Combined Services won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them during the first half.

The All-Malaya team played a perfect game, a vast improvement over yesterday's match with Waseda University which Combined Services lost by 24 points to 12 because of a weak defence, poor passing and ragged teamwork.—Reuter.

SPORTS DIARY
TODAY
Badminton: Colony Junior Badminton championships at Rectorio and IRC, 7.30 p.m.
Tennis: Colony Lawn Tennis Championships: Singles Final at HKCC, 4.30 p.m.
Athletics: Inter-schools annual athletic meet, heats at Carroll Hill.

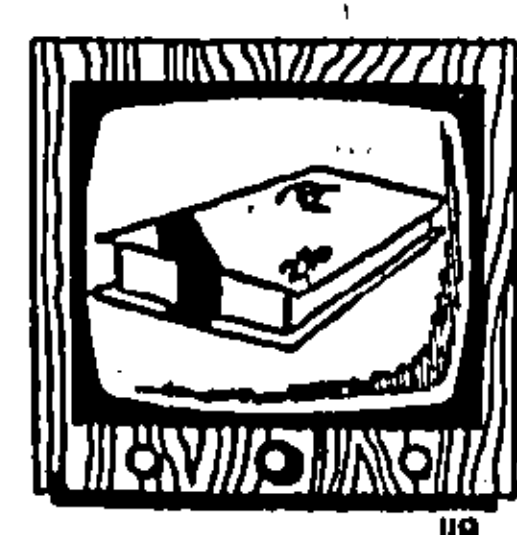
TOMORROW
Tennis: Colony Lawn Tennis Championships: Doubles Final at HKCC, 4.30 p.m.
Meeting: HK Football Association Council Meeting at Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.
Badminton: Colony Junior Badminton Championships at IRC, 7.30 p.m.
Athletics: Shatinok School Primary School, annual athletic meet, school ground, 9 a.m.

"Bayer's" TONIC

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4 Holiday maker
5 Motors
6 Examine
7 European city
8 English town
9 Such a shock
10 Coal or coke
11 Left wing
12 Measure of power
13 English town
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Saturday, the 6th April, 1957
at 12.00 noon for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors and Statement of
Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1956, to
declare Dividends, to elect
Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

Notice is also given that
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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

'CATSEYES' MAKE IT
SAFER TO
DRIVE AT NIGHT

By DOUGLAS GORDON
A DARK night and a lonely stretch of
road twisting and turning across the
desolate hills with fog spreading over the
fields; early motorists dreaded driving on
such a road, with its innumerable hazards
dimly discerned in the flickering light of
their none too powerful lamps. Such was
night driving in many parts of England
even in 1934. But men were wondering if
nothing could be done to improve this state
of affairs.

The roads were becoming
more and more crowded. Ac-
cidents were on the increase and the
highways that had been
suited to the slow journeys of
the stage coach and the wise
old horse with his nose for
danger were now a major
national problem. Much was
written about it in the press.
But in Yorkshire, England,
somebody as the local saying
goes "had got his thinking cap
on", and was employing it to
some useful purpose.

Tramlines Gave Him Idea
"CATSEYES" owe their origin
to a Mr Percy Shaw of
Halifax. In 1934 his occupation
necessitated much night driving.
He was often met by fog and
had great difficulty in finding
his way until he reached the
tramlines, after which he could
drive with reasonable con-
fidence. He was intrigued by the
fact that whilst the use of head-
lamps in fog created the effect
of a white blanket, light reflect-
ed from the tramlines enabled
him to find his way safely. He
decided to try to provide an
alternative.

Everybody has seen the eyes
of a cat reflecting light in the
dark like small twin lamps
when the rest of the animal is
invisible. Such infallible and
automatic light on Britain's
roads was what Mr Shaw sought
to achieve as he toyed first with
one idea and then another.
Problems—he had in plenty.
First, how to achieve the
luminosity; secondly how to en-
sure its infallibility under all
conditions; thirdly how to install
it; and fourthly how to ensure
that the passage of traffic could
not be damaged. One by one these
problems were solved and
Catseye Road Studs were per-
fected.

The First Model
It was in his own home, an old
mansion near Halifax, that
Mr Shaw invented one of the
most important devices of the
20th century.
There, the first full scale
models of the Catseye Road
Studs were produced. In 1934
and the following year a com-
pany was incorporated to
market them. The first order
received was assembled in the
stables of the old mansion and
as the demand quickly spread a
workshop was created in the
mansion yard. From then the
growth of the company was
rapid, outgrowing the old man-
sion which reverted to a private
residence in 1955, and where
the inventor Mr Shaw still
lives.

Although at first the authori-
ties were slow to recognise their
worth, a strip of road laid out
with Catseyes was publicised as
a show piece and representatives
of many authorities gathered to
see Catseyes actually operating.
Wide recognition followed,
including investigation by the
Ministry of Transport, and to

MOORING
LIGHTS FOR
TANKERS

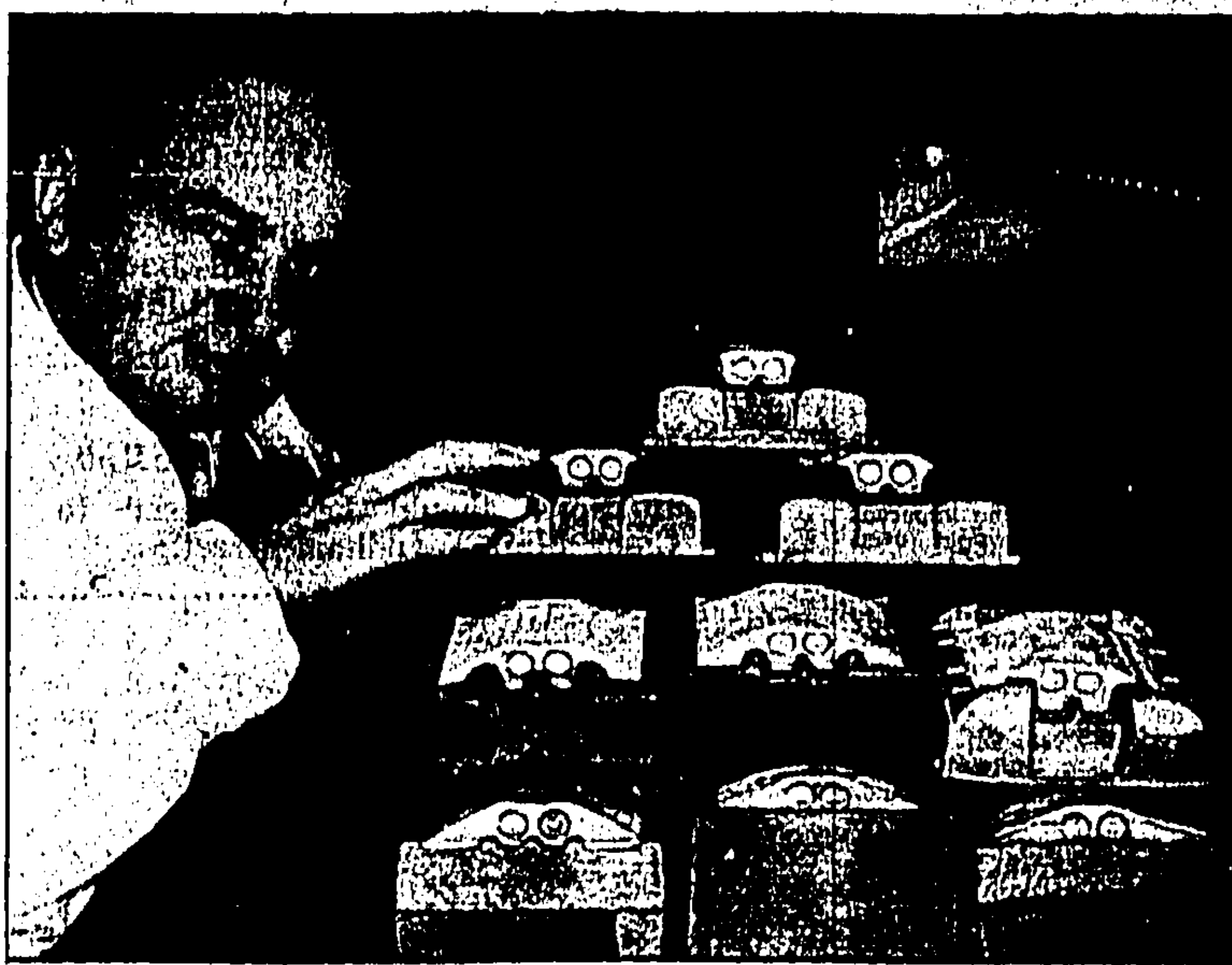
The British Malayan
Petroleum Company Ltd recently
installed special lighting
equipment to assist tankers to
moor at night off the coast of
Luzon, in British Borneo.
Four fixed and two flashing
lights, mounted on marker buoys,
mark the seaward and shore-
ward limits of the offshore
berth, and two warning lights
indicate the seaward end of the
loading and bunker lines.

The lights are controlled by a
time-switch which automatically
switches them off during the
day, and tests have been under-
taken to ensure that the equip-
ment will successfully resist
exposure to heavy seas and
the corrosive action of salt
water.
Pilots bringing in tankers at
night will see a line of four
lights parallel with the shore,
and, knowing their distances
and being able to judge ac-
curately the speed of the vessel,
Additional help in
mooring will be given by
reflectors on the wooden floats
attached to the mooring wires.

this day Catseyes are the only
reflecting stud approved by the
Ministry for public use in
Britain.

Fame Spread Rapidly
THE fame of Catseyes spread
rapidly, as over the roads of
Britain their long, friendly rib-
bons of light began to appear
up hill and down dale from
John O'Groats to Land's End.
On the Continent of Europe
too, the dark roads became as
safe for driving as a well lit
suburban highway.

In Africa and the Middle East
long stretches of road across
desert and veldt received their
gleaming pinpoints of light at
night.
The British Army authorities
recognised their possibilities on
routes used for the transport of
military traffic in remote train-
ing areas and gave the project
its approval.
Road authorities throughout
Britain made dangerous bends
and bridges safer to negotiate.
Night driving became almost as
safe as by day.
In 20 years a minor revolution
in road safety has been achieved.
The idea inspired by the old
fashioned tramline and worked
out in the old mansion has now
given eyes to the highways of
the world; reliable, friendly eyes
to guide the modern traveller
safely and swiftly on his way.



Mr Percy Shaw, Managing Director of Reflecting Roadstud Ltd of Boothtown, Halifax, Yorkshire, England, the inventor of "catseyes", with a number of different types of these road safety devices. The studs reflect the light from car headlights at night along the centre of the road. More than five million of these "catseyes" have been laid along 19,000 miles of roads in Britain. They have also been laid on roads in America and on the continent of Europe.

(Inset, Top Right) "Catseyes" reflected in a car's headlamps at night.

'Conveyor-Belt For People'

A Horbury (Yorkshire) firm of
conveyor manufacturers
Messrs Richard Sutcliffe,
Limited—are extending their
interest in the mechanical
handling of goods to the
transportation of human
beings.

At their Universal Works they
are to produce two systems
in which the familiar in-
dustrial moving belt principle
has been adapted to the
conveying of people. Known
as the Speedwalk and the
Carveyor, they will be made
under licence from an
American firm.

The Speedwalk consists of a
belt—generally made of
rubber—running at 1½ miles
an hour over many rollers or
a series of flat plates. No
exertion is required from
passengers, who, however,
may increase the speed at
which they travel by walking
on the system.

Cars, or compartments, travel
at 15 miles an hour in the
more elaborate Carveyor
system. They are entered at
"pick up" stations after their
speed has been geared to that
of a 60-foot conveyor of the

Speedwalk type, so that
passengers get the impression
of getting into a stationary
vehicle.

The high degree of "automation"
envisaged can be gauged by
the fact that the systems are
intended to work without any
traffic staff. It is felt that
the systems would have "a
wide range of application,
especially where it is desired
to move concentrations of
people to and from confined
spaces quickly—at football
matches, for example, on
landing grounds and in large
factories and mines.

NEW TEXTILE
MACHINERY

ALTHOUGH textile machinery builders may
not be quite so busy as they were a few years
ago, business continues at a comparatively brisk
level. This is undoubtedly due in great
measure to the quality of the products and also to
the steady research undertaken by many
machinery builders, says The Times Weekly
Review.

Twoedales and Smalley (1920)
Limited, of Cardale, near
Rochdale, have just produced a
large packing ring frame which
is making a 10in. bobbin instead
of a 6in. bobbin. This permits a
scale of production four or five
times greater than was possible
with the older type of ring
frame.

Another recent development
comes from Platt Brothers and
Co., Ltd. of Oldham—the MR3
ring spinning frame. This offers
increased speeds and production
and higher overall efficiency,
and an all round general pur-
pose machine. The claim is made
that it reduces both running and
maintenance costs. The machine
—a direct successor to the com-
pany's well-proved M1 frame—
is in lifts up to 12in. and in-
corporates many refinements and
improvements made possible
by advances in efficiency and
spinning techniques.

Long Staple System

The same company have also
recently announced the new
long staple (2½in. to 3in.) draft-
ing system for the MS2 speed
and MR3 ring frames. Process-
ing techniques for materials of
staple lengths exceeding those of
the normal cotton range em-
phasise the urgent need for a
short sequence of operations and
an efficient high draft system for
silver and roving which will
embrace the full range of fibre
lengths, deniers, man-made
fibres, and blends of these fibres
with one another and with wool.
The successful development of
the Platt Versatex LS (long
staple) system for the MS2
speed frame and MR3 ring frame
application opens up wide fields
for the employment of these
materials by enabling them to
be processed on a commercial
scale both economically and
effectively.

Another development is a new
type of shuttle holder for auto-
matic jute looms. Manufactured

by the firm of Thomas C. Keay,
of Dundee, the device is for
side-loading of the shuttle into the
shuttle instead of top-loading.

Another company with a good
record of progress over the
years are Muschamps Textile
Machinery Ltd. of Burslem, near
Oldham. It is three years since
the firm introduced the SS-100
single-spindle automatic pinn-
winder. They have now demon-
strated two new machines—the
Muschamp SS-160 super-speed
fully automatic pinnwinder and
the Muschamp automatic Combi
winder. The SS-160, a develop-
ment of the SS-100, has been
specially designed at the request
of the larger firms interested in
mass production. The machine,
built in units of 24 or 36
spindles, is equipped with a
special large capacity, high-
speed, centralised pinn hopper.

Automatic Hopper Feed

One of the problems involved
in developing the machine was
to devise an automatic hopper
feed capable of working at suffi-
ciently high speed to ensure that
even when winding medium to
heavy counts at very high speeds
the pinn feeding mechanism
would supply empty spindles
quickly enough to each in-
dividual spindle. The new
mechanism is capable of supply-
ing a 32-spindle machine, even
if it takes only a minute com-
pletely to fill and doff each
pinn. It has an interesting
feature: whether the spindles are
taken from the hopper the right
way up or upside down, the
device will always deliver them
into the empty pinn conveyor
chute the right way up.

The Combi automatic winder
is a combination of a high-
speed spooler (cheese winder)
and a fully automatic pinn-
winder. Little additional floor
space is required for this com-
bination machine and less than
one extra hp. It is claimed that
the new system of winding will
be of enormous advantage to the
Lancashire cotton industry.

From Yorkshire comes news
of a mobile wool baling press for
the baling of any type of waste
material. Finally, in view of the
present oil situation, the pro-
duction by G.E. Furness Ltd. of
an economic oil burner which
will burn gas would appear to
solve at least one problem in
the boilerhouse.

Tropospheric
Scatter
Research

In common with other
countries, intensive re-
search into Tropospheric
Scatter is being carried
out in Britain.

Marcini's, who have been
conducting tests for many years,
have now established an ex-
perimental 200-mile tropospheric
scatter link between the north
and south of England, and hope
shortly to extend the link a
further 200 miles to Bristol.
The link has been in
continuous operation for six
months, and results are such as
to indicate a sound commercial
future for communication
systems making use of the
tropospheric scatter principle.
Plans are now in hand to set
up high power transmitters
and associated receivers at
Newcastle, on the north-east
coast of England, and London,
with the object of operating up
to 30 simultaneous telephone
channels between these two
points (a distance of about 270
miles).

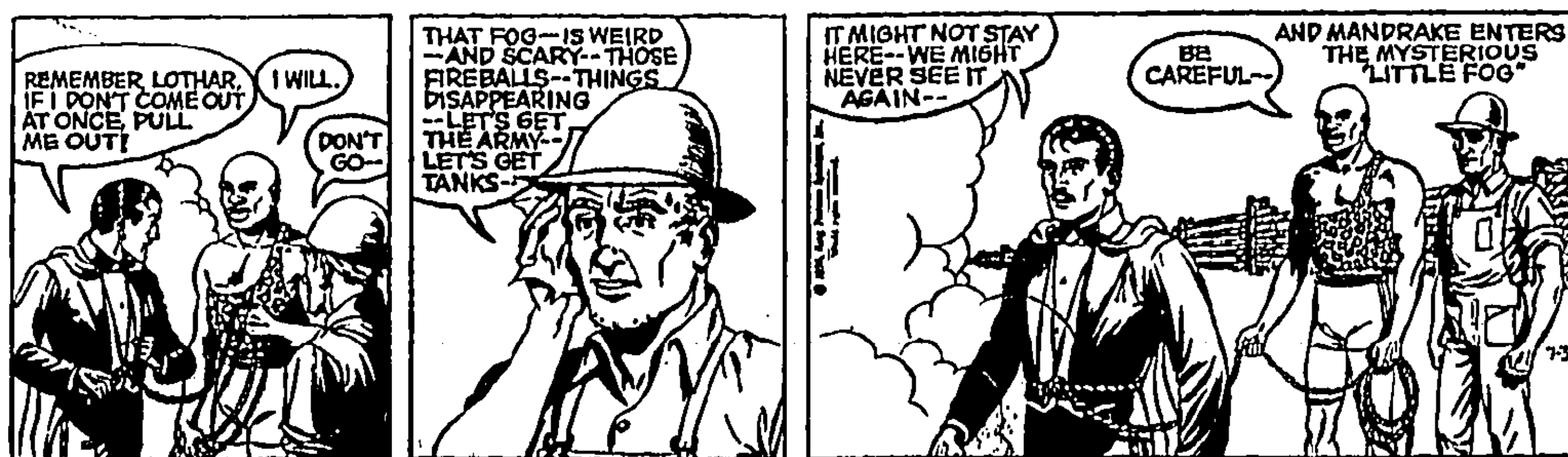
For the future, the ultimate
limits of transmission will
depend largely on the trans-
mitter power available. With a
power of 100kw it might be
possible to achieve telegraph
transmission out to distances of
the order of 700 miles.

BUZZING
DOCTOR

Doctors available immediately
by remote control will soon be
walking the wards at St
Margaret's Hospital, Epsom,
Essex. In their top pockets
will be what looks like a
fourteen pin. But the pins
will give a high pitched buzz
whenever a doctor is wanted.
The control will be
from the hospital switchboard
where the operator will flash a
different number for each
doctor and senior member of
the staff.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

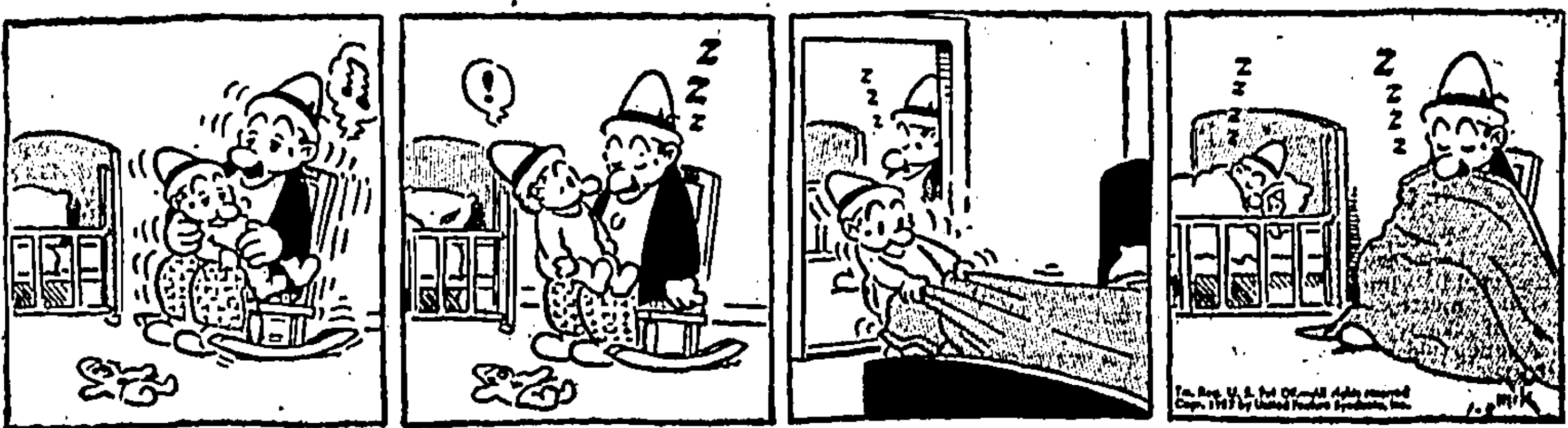


There's More than Magic
about
CADBURY'S



FERD'NAND

By Milk



CUTEX

LIPSTICK
AND
NAIL POLISH
They always
harmonise



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

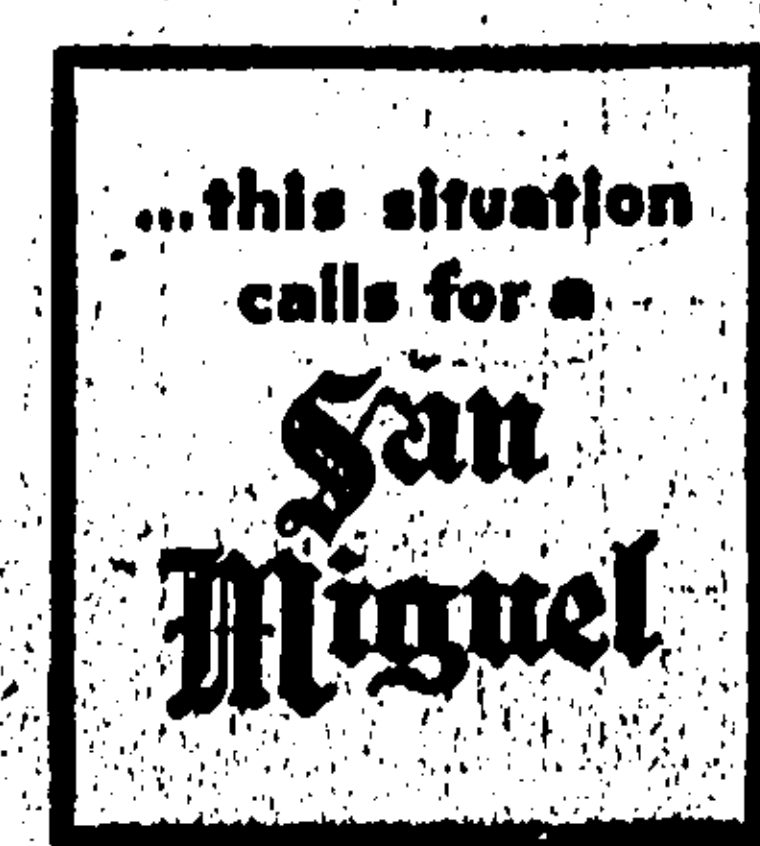
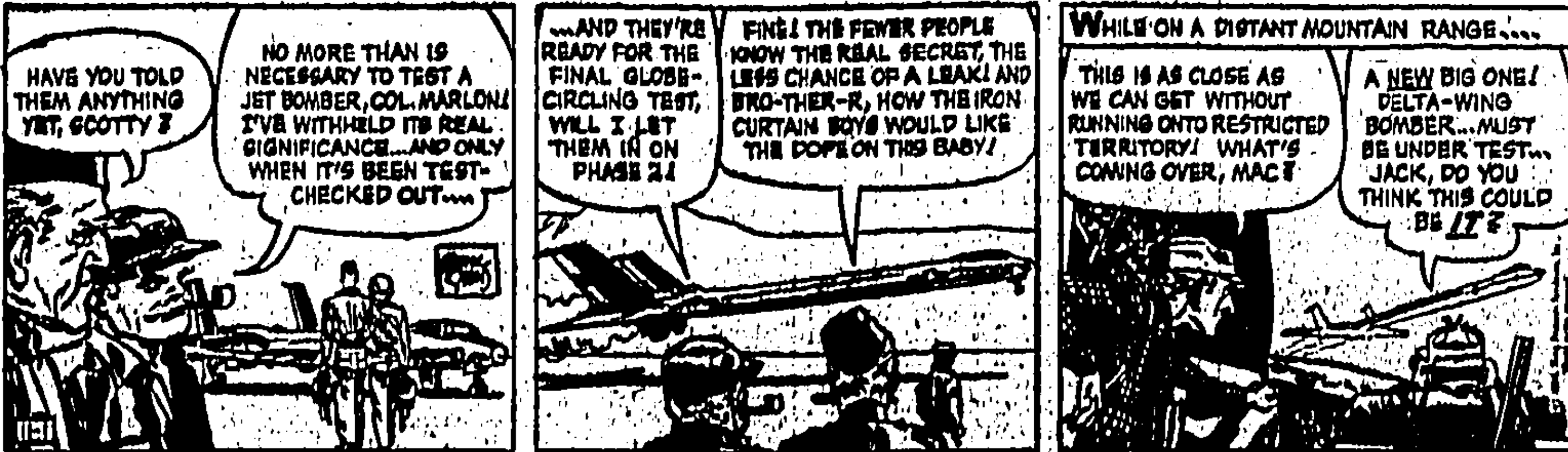


ROWNTREES



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Expectation
Of China
Rubber Order

Singapore, Mar. 10. Rubber traders in Singapore still hope for big orders from China. Mr. Tan Puan Hoo, Vice-President of the Singapore Rubber Trade Association, said here today, in an interview here, Mr. Tan said: "Sales are slow now because China is under an agreement to buy from Ceylon first. But we shall be catching up soon."

No rubber was exported to China from Singapore last month.

This colony's rubber exports to China rose rapidly after a Malaysian trade mission visited China last year.

But from November exports dropped from 50,000 tons a month to 80 tons in January of this year.—Reuter.

World Tea
Production
Record

Washington, Mar. 10. The United States Foreign Agricultural Service estimated today that world production of tea (outside of China and Russia) in 1956 was about 1,500,000,000 pounds compared to 1,479,297,000 pounds in the record year 1955.

The FAS issued a trade circular which noted tendency toward expanding production in Iran, Turkey, Africa and several South American countries.

World exports of tea in 1956 were 1,001,518,000 pounds compared with 1,050,035,000 in 1955, and an annual average of 880,000,000 in previous period 1935 to 1939.

Brazil in 1955 produced 1,600,000 pounds and exported about 1,022,000.

"India, for long the world's largest exporter of tea, has been losing ground to Ceylon and British Africa since 1953," the FAS said.

"Other African and South American countries are exporting tea in small but increasing quantities each year, as production has surpassed internal consumption."

"India still leads the world, exporting about 43 per cent of world total exports."

"The remaining 21 per cent is spread throughout other countries. Indonesia a large exporter before 1941, has lost much of her trade due to internal conditions."

"England is the largest importer of tea, taking almost half of the world's exports."—United Press.

LONDON INVESTORS
GET OUT
OF THE MARKET

London, Mar. 10.

Faced by problem in every direction, investors last week tended to sell and get out of the market, at least for the time being.

The news from the by-elections, showing the refusal of Conservative voters to support the Macmillan Government, and the news of the strike in the shipyards were disturbing.

When there were the officials statistics showing that "credit squeeze" were flocking back to buy durable goods on the hire-purchase system; would the government get still tougher with them? And finally there was the approaching budget, scheduled for April 9; many felt confident that income tax would be lowered but others were not so sure.

First result of the confusion was to maintain a steady exodus from British Government securities.

Old Consols and War Loan lost 12½ and the rather vulnerable railway nationalisation stock fell 15½. The index of government securities closed the week at 88.39 compared with last week's 89.09.

Exception

Leading industrialists suffered a similar exodus. British-American Tobacco and Unilever fell more than 2½ and similar blue chips, like Imperial Chemicals, Vickers and Courtauld, lost

between 1 and 2 shillings. A long list were down less than a shilling.

Nuclear-power shares were an exception. C. A. Parsons gained 2½ and Rayrolle, after some heavy selling, contrived to end the week unchanged.

Better news from the Middle East drove the professional bears to cover their previous shorts of oil. This lifted Royal Dutch ½ sterling to 17 sterling while British Petroleum and Anglo-Egyptian "B" both gained 3½ and Shell Transport 2½. However, the Suez Canal continued weak, losing ¾ sterling to 123½.

Germany was neglected; some selling powered 9½ percent Potash by 1 sterling. Several of the Chinese bonds were down 1 sterling. But Japanese, where changed, were all stronger. The non-assessed of the 1970s and the Tokyo 9½ percent both gained 1 sterling; the non-assessed of the 1930s gained ½ sterling while the assessed jumped 1½ sterling.—United Press.

US Automobile Industry
Slowing Down
SERIOUS EFFECT ON
OTHER SEGMENTS
OF NATION'S ECONOMY

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Mar. 10.

Increasing signs that the United States economy was slowing down a bit turned the spotlight on the all-vital auto industry beset last week with fears about the lag in sales and mounting stocks of unsold new cars.

A slump in the auto industry could have serious repercussions on other important segments of the US economy. It could have important international overtones as well. The automotive industries used 23.1 per cent of over-all steel consumption; 56.1 per cent of malleable iron; 10 per cent copper; 40.7 per cent lead; 29.1 per cent zinc; 21.6 per cent nickel; 71.2 aluminum (permanent mould castings) 94.8 per cent natural rubber; 61.6 per cent synthetic rubber; 4.3 per cent cotton.

Reasons

Here's what's causing many furrowed brows in auto-conscious Detroit these days:

1. Sales were off about 5 per cent from year-ago levels.

2. The expected spring pick-up, which normally sets in this about appears slow in getting underway.

3. Inventories are mounting. Stocks at February-end totaled about 780,000 cars. Of this total about 200,000 added during the last two months alone.

Only a few short weeks ago, industry leaders almost unanimously figured on 6.5 million market for 1957. Now these estimates are being revised downward.

More and more people insist they'll be satisfied with 6.2 million or even 6.0 million. Auto sales in 1956 totaled 6.0 units.

To keep their production programmes in line with the sales picture, some companies have curtailed operations.

For example, the No. 3 seller last year, turned back production by over 21 per cent in February. Two divisions of Chrysler Corporation recently went on a five-day-week from six-day schedule for February reflected this drop in production. Some 570,890 units came off the assembly lines last month, a 2.4 decline from January totals.

But more importantly for the industry: the next few weeks

should give new clues to the changing pattern of competition and automotive leadership.

It now appears that General Motors, which for the past three years accounted for more than half of auto sales, is giving ground. So far this year, according to estimates, the company with its line of five models including the popular Cadillac, has about 45 per cent of the total. This is more than a five-point drop from its 50.78 per cent sale in 1956.

Ford and Chrysler, however, both spent millions on remodeling the 1957 version and the investment appears to be paying off. President Henry Ford disclosed this past week that its sales in the first two months of the year set a record for the period. Sales to date this year amounted to 293,008 units, a 22 per cent improvement from year-ago levels.

Best Quarter

Chrysler car sales, according to F. W. Miley, financial Vice-President, may exceed \$1,000,000,000 in the first three months for the best quarter in the company's history. Earnings, he announced, in the first two months of this year are ahead of those in the first two months of 1956. The company is currently shipping 32,000 cars a week from its US plants as against only 17,000 at this time last year. The company's chief headache, it appears, has been to produce enough cars to meet demand. In 1956 Chrysler invested a record 281 million in new plant, equipment and tooling.

So far, according to latest estimates, about 2,000,000 cars have been sold, with Ford accounting for about 30 per cent in mid-February.

The smaller companies, including foreign makes, appear to have cornered a negligible 5 per cent of total sales to date this year.

There appears to be no one reason for the new pessimism in the industry. Some experts point to the cold weather in many parts of the country. Others insist that the industry on the whole, keeping in mind early 1956 when it piled up a record 605,000 in inventory, is selling itself better so that production will be more in line with expected demand. Whatever the reason, experts will be watching this month's sales for signs of the future.

Spring Pick-Up

The usual spring pick-up comes this month and usually carries over into April and May with the coming of warmer weather. Last year the industry never had its spring sales pick-up and as a result many are wondering whether there'll be any change in 1957.

The auto industry isn't altogether convinced, however, that 1957 will be a disappointing year. Ford, for example, still holds to an earlier prediction of 6.8 million. M. C. Patterson, President of Chrysler Corporation Dodge Division, figures on a 6.5 million year. On the optimistic side, he discounts the expected seasonal spring pick-up pointing out that there is now a tendency for auto sales to break away from seasonal patterns, and was inclined to doubt there would be the April-May pick-up.

But these forecasts were discounted seriously from another source last week. The American Bankers Association had some grave doubts about the industry's ability to move 6.5 cars this year. "Present estimates even challenge a six-million-unit year," the influential credit commission of the Association said in a bulletin on the credit outlook.

The report said "every effort should be made to resist pres-

ures to relax credit terms designed to spur lagging auto sales. There are evidences that the longer terms and questionable equities so prevalent during 1955 and part of 1956 on new-car sales are causing considerable trouble," the bulletin said.

"Total repossessions by unit do not appear out of line, but the dollar loss per unit is increasing."—United Press.

To Promote
Greater
Cotton Use

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 10. Everett R. Cook, President of Cotton Council International, today announced signing of agreements to promote greater cotton use in Australia, West Germany and Switzerland.

Cook said the agreements, between the Council and cotton industry organizations in the three European countries, bring to seven the number of nations co-operating in the programme. Agreements were previously announced with France, Italy, Japan and Spain.

Under the programme, cotton organizations in each country will carry out programme techniques developed by the National Cotton Council in the United States. This includes press and publicity services, cotton fashion campaigns, manufacturer-retailer programmes, market research and cotton weeks.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	16.17
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.13
Australian notes (per £1)	12.00
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.70
Siam baht (per 100)	28.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

Most Wall Street
Stocks Gain
In Past Week

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Mar. 10.

Stocks gained slightly during the past week in all but the utility group. Trading picked up compared with the previous week. Monday was the biggest day with 1,890,000 shares turning over. Volume receded each day thereafter.

Withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab territory and reopening of the Suez Canal for small vessels had a favourable influence for a time but later the new problems produced by these events offset the good points.

About the time the Street began worrying about new oil complications, the budget issues were injected into the unfavourable column. Moves to cut the vast national expenditures worked against the market since they were considered deflationary.

Sharp Run-Up

Moderate declines came on Thursday followed by a rather wide weekend decline. The net result in the Dow-Jones averages at closing on Friday showed industrial at 471.63 up 2.72 on the week; rails 142.72 up 7.35; utilities 127.24 up 0.09 and 15 stocks 160.00 up 0.59.

Wednesday produced a sharp run-up in Chrysler capital stock. The issue spurred more than 3 points when one of its Vice-Presidents predicted good things

NEW YORK
COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

New York, Mar. 10.

Cotton trading, with the exception of the Tuesday session, was a rather dull affair last week.

At Friday's close, the list ruled seven to 33 points—33 cents to \$1.05 a bale—lower than the preceding week.

About half of the week's loss was accounted for on Tuesday when prices dropped as much as 15 points on a combination of reasons. These included: 1. March liquidation following issuance and circulation of two delivery notices; 2. A more unfavourable view of crop prospects for the soil bank.

The following three sessions were dull and featureless with prices drifting aimlessly.

The three March transferable notices issued exerted some pressure on prices, but subsequent trade covering and price fixing aided partial recovery.

The Commodity Credit Corp. statistics released after the close on Wednesday were about a stand-off and had little, if any effect on the market. Loans on the 1956 cotton crop through March 1 were placed at 4,635,697 bales against 7,238,927 at the same time a year ago and represented an increase for the week of 34,452 bales. Withdrawals for the week totaled 54,566 bales.

A report late Thursday by the Department of Agriculture that sign-ups for the soil bank were well below the minimum goal of 3.5 million acres failed to stir any interest in new crop months on Friday.

Sign-ups for the soil bank amounted to 2,295,917 bales, with March 8 the deadline for final placements. The lower placements discount any possibility of a small cotton crop this year.

The Agriculture Department said it sold 15,107 bales of government-owned cotton for export on competitive bids opened on March 7. Sales under the bid programme since April amounted to 6,399,947 bales.

Certificated cotton stocks were reported at 7,071 bales, up around 1,000 bales on the week.

New York Cotton
Export

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1956-57 season to March 5 were as follows:

Britain	658,622
Continental	2,277,287
U.S.S.R.	1,100,000
Canada	276,068
Total for season	4,301,974
Same period last year	990,013
Excluding liners	—United Press.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$170,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank Ltd	1040	1658	
INSURANCES			
Shanghai	500	540	
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	600	600	
DOCK, ETC.			
K. Wharf	102	105	
Hotel, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	14.90	15	100 @ 45 1/2
Real Estate			
X. All	30 1/2		
Rumphenya			
Realty			
RUBBER	1.43 1/2		
UTILITIES			
Tram	21.60	22	
X. All			
X. All	130	140	
Yamaul	105	108	200 @ 100
C. Light	22.70	23.00	100 @ 22 1/2
Electric	20.70	20	300 @ 20
Shanghai E.	9.00		
Telephone	23.80	24	2600 @ 23.80
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement Ltd	23 1/2	23	
STOCKS, ETC.			
Dairy	10	10.20	100 @ 10.10
W. All			
W. All	11.10		
Lane, Craw	20.20		
COTTONS			
Raw	4.70	4.80	
Nanyang	9		

US COTTON
GOODS
MARKET

New York, Mar. 10. Light trading and further easing of prices were reported for still another week in the New York cotton goods market.

Low prices still failed to generate any large scale volume. Production curtailments are widening in the industry with further shut-down or short-time plans scheduled in the week by individual plants. However, reduction of output has apparently not been sufficient so far to improve the buyers.

Although sellers of premium make 80 square print cloths withdrew from the market after sales at 18 cents. Other mills met this price, while second hands cut it to 17.70 a yard for nearby delivery.

Except for a brief period in 1948, 19 cents was about the bottom price for this key construction in the post war period. Nevertheless sales were small.

OTHER PRINTCLOTHS

Other printcloths were similarly soft and quiet. A few mills reported a fair business in specialty constructions. Sheetings also were quiet and prices unchanged to lower. Combined goods were quiet with prices easing further on lawn selling. Coloured yarn goods reported light trading. Slightly more activity was reported in converted work clothing fabrics.

Cotton yarn markets were slow during the week, with interest only in nearby deliveries and prices about unchanged.

Spun rayon fabrics were quiet with sellers holding prices more despite reductions of from two to three cents a pound in cut fibre prices during the week.—United Press.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, Mar. 10. The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 6, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,380,200,148
Public deposits	11,754,431
Private deposits	289,753,444
Government securities	124,250,029
Other securities	53,688,005
Reserves	41,200,276
Ratio	100 to 117

—United Press.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Mar. 10. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Feb. 28, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,200,220,420
Total foreign currencies	14,207,190,028
Bank balance abroad	11,071,000,000
Advance to Government	20,000,000,000
Loans to Government	1,700,000,000,000
Reserves in cash	1,500,000,000,000
Deposits	101,000,000,000

—United Press.

RUSSIA SELLING
MORE GOLD
TO EUROPE

By K. C. THALER

London, Mar. 10.

Soviet Russia has once again stepped up her gold sales in Europe which in recent months have reached sizable proportions, finance experts reported last week.

Soviet gold, which made its appearance on a large sale, some two years ago in European capitals, was said to have lately been again sold in Switzerland and London.

Two years ago Russian sales were prompted by Soviet switch to consumer goods which required foreign currency for purchases in the West.

Some experts believe that demand from Russian satellites have also necessitated gold sales to provide funds to meet their immediate commitments in the West.

A British Banking review earlier last week estimated that Soviet gold sales last year were the largest since the October rising, amounted to 4,500,000 ounces. The significant feature is that more than half of this quantity was sold by the Soviet in the last two months of 1956 alone.

Ever since Moscow has been selling gold "on the quiet" in Switzerland and in London, according to finance sources.

Not Available

While official information is not available, it was reliably understood that Russia has been selling lately at the rate of between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 dollars worth of gold monthly in Switzerland and slightly smaller quantities in Britain.

Experts who have analysed the reasons for this new wave of selling have come to the conclusion that Russia's foreign currency funds abroad have been running low; they are being currently replenished with the proceeds from the gold sales.

Official British records disclose that British exports to Russia have more than doubled in the last 12 or 14 months. This is largely due to a sizable increase of Russian purchases in the Commonwealth areas of raw materials, including rubber, and other sterling commodities.

British exports and re-exports to Russia last year amounted to an equivalent of 160,000,000 dollars, compared with a mere 72,000,000 dollars in the previous year.

The purchases reflect Russia's dependence on Western supplies, half of which are industrial goods, the remainder raw materials.

Whether Moscow has diverted some of these supplies to its European satellites whose economies are in serious straits was not ascertainable; but there were many indications that

only a small fraction of these supplies from the sterling area have benefited Russia's "poor relations."

But there are indications that Moscow may have assisted Hungary in meeting some of her obligations abroad in recent months, following the collapse of the latter's economy.

Hungary was reported to have met commitments abroad to the extent of some 55,000,000 dollars since the October rising. The Experts believe indications that Moscow has assisted Czechoslovakia and East Germany—her other "faithful" satellites—in recent months with foreign currency.

Finally, it is believed that some of the foreign currency acquired through gold sales is being used by Moscow to replenish Russia's depleted propaganda funds abroad.—United Press.

Singapore
Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 11. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	11.80
British Borneo Petroleum	44 1/2
Syndicate	44 1/2
Consolidated Tin Smelters	22 1/2
Ord.	22 1/2
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	11 1/2
Gammone (Malaya)	11 1/2
Gammone (Siam)	11 1/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	22 1/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	22 1/2
Kempas Ltd.	11 1/2
Lat Pau Rubber Estates Ltd.	11 1/2
Malayan Breweries	11 1/2
Perak Serendah Rubber Co.	11 1/2
Petaling Tin Ltd.	11 1/2
Real Estate	11 1/2
Singapore Cold Storage	11 1/2
Straits Trading	11 1/2
United Engineers Ord.	11 1/2
Wernie Bros.	11 1/2
Yam Seng	11 1/2

Answers—1 Grid, 2 Power, 3 Odessa, 4 Tourist, 5 Engines, 6 Electric, 7 Moscow, 8 Harwell, 9 Electric, 10 Fuel, 11 Communism, 12 Kilmow, 13 Diderot, 14 Voltaire.

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